



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Contact Tracing

You have heard news talk about Governor Larry Hogan's [Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery](#). A key part of this Roadmap is a program called Contact Tracing.

Please note: If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you should expect to be contacted by someone from this state program.

What is Contact Tracing?

Contact tracing identifies people who may have come into contact with someone with an infectious disease. The process involves:

1. Identifying infected people;
2. Determining who they have been in close contact with while infected; and
3. Asking people who may be infected to stay home until it is clear they are not sick.

This process begins with a phone interview of the positive COVID-19 patient. During the interview, the contact tracer asks about the patient's close contacts. They'll also ask for details about who they have been around and where they have gone recently.

The contact tracer will reach out to those people who have been in contact with the infected person during a two-week period. They will ask about any symptoms and talk about whether they should self-quarantine. The identity of the positive COVID-19 patient will be kept confidential.

This process is to help stop the spread of COVID-19. For the health and safety of everyone, please share what you can if you receive a call from a contact tracer. Whether you had or have COVID-19 or you have been around someone with the virus, it is important to share this information.

For more updates about COVID-19 from the Maryland Department of Health as well as contact tracing, please visit [Coronavirus.Maryland.gov](https://www.coronavirus.maryland.gov).