



COVID-19: Contact Tracing FAQs

Q: What is contact tracing?

- Contact tracing is a voluntary process used to help people who may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- This process has been used in Texas for decades for infectious diseases.
- Because it is voluntary, and because you have a right to control your own personal health information, government cannot require you to participate in the process if you do not want to.

Q: Do I have to participate?

No. Contact tracing is completely voluntary, and you are not required to participate.

Q: Can you refuse to take a COVID-19 test?

Yes.

Q: Will I be required to download a health app on my phone?

No.

Q: Will the state require businesses, churches or public venues to scan an app or QR code before entering or receiving services?

No.

Q: Will the government be able to monitor your movements or will you be monitored by satellite?

No.

Q: If you tested positive and live in a home with your family and have limited space, will you be sent to a government-run quarantine location?

No.

Q: If you have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, will you be required to quarantine even if you test negative?

No.

Q: If you test positive for COVID-19 and have children, could CPS take away your children?

No.

Q: If your children could not be adequately separated from you while you quarantine at home, would they be removed by Temporary Emergency Possession Order until you have completed your quarantine and test negative?

No.

Q: Who is paying for COVID-19 contact tracing?

President Trump signed a law that fully funds the COVID-19 contact tracing process.

Q: What is the benefit to me?

If you have COVID-19, it helps inform others that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 so they can get tested if they choose.

It helps you stop the spread of COVID-19 to your loved ones and in your community.