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What to Know about Contact Tracing

Contact tracing begins when the name and contact information of an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 is reported to the State. Infectious disease reporting laws often require these cases to be reported. A government worker will contact the patient to ask for the names of those they’ve been in close contact with over a period of time. The worker will contact these people to tell them they may have been exposed, but will not disclose the name of the infected person. Contacts are encouraged to stay home for 14 days.

Know this: Individuals have the right to refuse to share information about contacts. But in some states, if your contacts refuse to be tested or to quarantine themselves, they could be forced into quarantine. Decide now what you’ll do.