What is contact tracing?

Contact tracing is a way to identify people who may have COVID-19 so they can avoid spreading it to others. It helps us track and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Contact tracing starts with a person who tested positive for COVID-19. This person will be advised to stay home except to get medical care until they are no longer contagious.

A trained interviewer will reach out to the person who has tested positive and ask for the contact information of close contacts. They will not ask for a social security number or about immigration status. Participation is voluntary.

Effective contact tracing depends on everyone’s participation.
If public health calls you, we hope you’ll answer.

Learn more about contact tracing and Washington state’s efforts at doh.wa.gov/ContactTracing.