CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

STEPS TO PREVENTILLNESS

STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS



Clean your hands often

• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, after blowing yournose,

coughing, or sneezing, before eating, and after using the bathroom.

- •If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people. For COVID-19, the recommendation

is 6 feet. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Stay home if you're sick

• **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.

Cover coughs and sneezes

•Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.



- •Throw used tissues in the trash.
- •Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wear a facemask if you are sick

•If you are sick, you should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes



trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.

•If you are NOT sick, you do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



Clean and disinfect

- •Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- •If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

