

State of Illinois llinois Department of Public Health



COVID-19 Who Should I Call ?

I want to know more about COVID-19, who should I call?

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH COVID-19 Hotline at 1 800 889 3931 or email DPH.SICK@illinois.gov. Note the Hotline does not make decisions about who should be tested for COVID-19.





I am not feeling well and have respiratory symptoms, what should I do?

• Stay home for at least 7 days after you first became ill, or 72 hours after your fever has resolved and symptoms are improving, whichever is longer.

You should consult with your doctor if you have:

- Fever, cough, trouble breathing, or other flu like symptoms that are not better or are worsening after 24-48 hours.
- Mild symptoms and are pregnant, have a weakened immune system, have chronic health conditions or are an older adult (60+).

Don't call the health department about getting testing

- Your health care provider will determine if you should be tested and, if necessary, contact the health department.
- Health departments do not collect specimens for COVID-19

I think I need immediate medical attention, who should I call?

If you need immediate medical attention, and you think you may have COVID-19, call ahead to your health care provider before going in for care. This will allow them to take the right steps to protect themselves and other patients



If you think you are having a medical emergency, call 911; if you have been exposed to COVID-19, notify dispatch personnel so emergency medical services personnel are prepared.



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