

WHAT is Contact Tracing?

WHY is it Important?

New Jersey Contact Tracing



Contact tracing is the process used to identify those who come into contact with people who have tested positive for many contagious diseases in order to inform them, provide guidance, and offer support.

Contact tracing is a long standing practice in New Jersey and around the world.

If you tested positive for COVID-19, you may have spread the virus to others without knowing it. Those individuals could now be infected and putting their loved ones at risk.

Contact tracing is critical to stopping the spread of COVID 19 and keeping you, your loved ones, and your community safe and healthy.

1 Case Interview

The contact tracer will connect you with medical care and any help you might need to keep your loved ones safe. They will also ask about where you have been and your "close contacts," including how to reach them.

Close contacts are anyone who was within 6 feet of you, for more than 10 minutes.

2 Contact Notification

A contact tracer will then call your contacts and provide information on how they can protect themselves and their loved ones, for example:

- Understanding their risk
- How they can monitor for illness
- How to prevent spreading the virus
- Where to get tested
- Local support services

3 Follow-Up

For the next 14 days, contacts will receive daily follow-ups, either through text messaging or phone calls, to monitor their health and further connect them with the support and resources they may need. Contact tracers will collect minimum data (only what is needed to keep your close contacts safe), use it for limited purposes (stopping the spread of COVID-19), and restrict who it is shared with.

PRINCIPLES OF NEW JERSEY CONTACT TRACING

The information you share will:

- **NEVER** be used for immigration or law enforcement
- **NOT** negatively affect your public charge assessment
- **NOT** be used to deny access to health care or any other essential service

Contact tracers will **NEVER** ask for:

- Social Security number
- Financial information
- Immigration status



Your data and privacy is ALWAYS protected and your cell phone/location is NEVER tracked.