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# How can I prepare for contact tracing?

Complete the following sections to be ready for outreach if it is needed. This will help you think about places you have been and people you have recently been around. The health department may also ask that you reach out to your own contacts to tell them they have been exposed.

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## Things to think about. Have you been:

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### Step 1

**Make a list of the people in your household.**

Include people who live in your home and people who may have visited, like friends, a babysitter, or anyone else providing in-home services.

If you have more people to list than the space provided, write on another piece of paper.

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### Step 2

**Make a list of what you did each day using as much detail as possible.**

Include things like hanging out with neighbors, going to work, running errands, appointments, social or recreational activities outside the home, and if you used public transportation to get there. Use another piece of paper if needed.

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### To calculate your start date for potential exposure:

Write down the date you first felt sick if you have had symptoms OR your test date if you have had no symptoms:

\[ \text{Start date} \]

Now write down the date two days before that day:

\[ \text{This is your start date.} \]

\[ \text{Day 2} \]

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\[ \text{Day 6} \]

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Note: The call center is staffed from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

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