

PUBLIC HEALTH

A Physician's Guide to COVID-19

This quick-start COVID-19 physician guide, curated from comprehensive CDC, JAMA and WHO resources, will help prepare your practice, address patient concerns and answer your most pressing questions.

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Prepare your practice or health system for COVID-19

- Steps health care facilities can take now to prepare: [CDC steps to prepare](#)
- Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in your practice or health care facility: [Guides from WHO](#)

How to protect yourself from infection

- How to minimize exposure and implement standard, contact and airborne precautions: [Interim infection prevention and control recommendations](#)
- How to manage your supply of personal protective equipment (PPE): [CDC supply chain advice](#)

Diagnosing patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19

- Who should be tested for COVID-19 and how to get them tested: [COVID-19 clinical criteria](#)
- Health care professionals should **immediately** notify their local or state health department in the event of a PUI for COVID-19: Find your [state](#) and [local](#) health department contacts
- How to manage patients diagnosed with COVID-19: [Clinical guidance from the CDC](#)
- Precautions to take for vulnerable patients:
 - [The immunocompromised](#)

- [Infants and pregnant women](#)
- [Long-term care residents](#)

What to do if you have been exposed to patients with COVID-19

- How to assess risk, monitor for symptoms and understand work restriction decisions for health care professionals with potential exposure to COVID-19: [Interim U.S. guidance](#)

How to communicate with patients

- COVID-19 facts to share with concerned or anxious patients: [CDC fact sheets](#)
- Common myths that you should be ready to debunk: [The biggest misconceptions](#)
- Advice to give patients who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19: [Top advice from CDC](#)
- Notices to inform travelers and clinicians about current health issues that impact travelers' health: [CDC travel notices](#)

Medicare and Medicaid coverage information

- Medicare providers: [CMS Medicare FAQ](#)
- Coverage and benefits related to COVID-19: [CMS Medicaid FAQ](#)
- Information related to COVID-19 individual and small group market insurance coverage: [COVID-19 fact sheet](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Essential Tools & Resources

Live updates: COVID-19 resource center

JN Learning: Coronavirus infections

CDC monitoring of COVID-19 outbreak

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AMA president speaks on preparing physicians for COVID-19

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COVID-19: Frequently asked questions





Doctors: Here's what to do if you're exposed to COVID-19

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