



Home Visiting Guidance for Faith and Community Leaders During Shelter in Place

This guidance is provided for faith and community leaders who rely on home visits to extend services to their community members during shelter in place.

Prior to Conducting a Home Visit:

- All parties should perform symptom screening and temperature checks in preparing for a home visit (ACPHD Self-Assessment Screening Guidance: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/covid19-assets/docs/recovery/screening-guidance-for-employers-eng-2020.08.08.pdf>)
 - Keep in mind that even if you and the person you are visiting do not have any symptoms, you may still be exposing each other to the COVID-19 virus.
- For immunocompromised, seniors (65+), and persons with underlying medical conditions, consider whether a home visit is necessary to provide care and services. Safer, alternative ways to provide support include:
 - Communicating via phone, text, or email to send personal messages.
 - Using FaceTime or other video call options.
 - Drop off supplies at the door without direct contact.
 - Meet outdoors. Wear face coverings, stay at least 6 feet apart, and limit contact of personal items.

Conducting a Home Visit:

- When possible, conduct home visits outdoors.
- Everyone (home resident included) should wear a face covering.
- Limit the number of people in the space and keep a distance of at least 6 feet between you and others.
- If indoors, limit what part of the home you are in. For example, stay in the room closest to the door instead of moving to other rooms if possible.
- Keep the visit as brief as possible.
- Wash your hands frequently during the visit and as soon as you leave. Take hand sanitizer with you in case hand washing is not an option.
- Avoid touching things in the home and do not touch your eyes, nose, mouth, or face during your home visiting time.
- If you need to share something that the recipient must take by mouth, for medical and/or religious purposes, pass the item in a container instead of putting it directly into the hand or mouth of the recipient. Be sure to sanitize or dispose of the container after each use.

Consult CDC Guidance [“If You Are Sick or Caring For Someone”](#) for additional information.