When Can You Be Around Others Again?

If you have or think you might have COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people. When you can be around others depends on different factors for different situations. Find the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendations for your situation below.

Situation 1:
I think or know I had the coronavirus, and I had symptoms.

You can be with others after:

- Three days have passed with no fever;
- Symptoms improved; and
- Ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Note: Depending on your health care provider's advice and availability of testing, you might need to get tested to see if you still have the coronavirus. If you will be tested, you can be around others when you have no fever, symptoms have improved and you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

Situation 2:
I tested positive for the coronavirus, but had no symptoms.

If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after:

- Ten days have passed since testing positive.

Note: Depending on your health care provider's advice and availability of testing, you might need to get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others after you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart. If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance above for "I think or know I had the coronavirus, and I had symptoms."

Situation 3:
I have a weakened immune system, when can I be around others?

People with conditions that weaken their immune system might need to stay home longer than 10 days. Talk to your health care provider for more information.

Situation 4:
I've been around someone who had the coronavirus.

It is important to remember that anyone who has close contact with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days after exposure based on the time it takes to develop the illness.