

## Medicare and telehealth benefits

Medicare has temporarily expanded its coverage of [telehealth services](#) to respond to COVID-19.

Medicare beneficiaries can temporarily use telehealth services for common office visits, mental health counseling and preventive health screenings. This will help ensure Medicare beneficiaries are able to visit with their doctor from their home, without having to go to a doctor's office or hospital, which puts themselves and others at risk.

If you have an existing healthcare appointment, or think you need to see your doctor, please call them first to see if your appointment can be conducted over a smartphone with video capability or any device using video technology, like a tablet or a laptop. For some appointments, a simple check-in over the phone without video capabilities may suffice.

**Important:** If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as a cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider immediately.

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**Remember:** [Medicare covers the lab tests for COVID-19](#). You pay no out-of-pocket costs.

For the latest information on the coronavirus, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>)

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*The Medicare Team*

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