

What is social distancing?

Put simply, it means avoiding crowds when possible to help stop or slow down the spread of a highly contagious disease.

What are social distancing measures?

- For an individual, this could mean maintaining enough distance between yourself and another person (generally, 6 feet) to reduce the risk of breathing in droplets that are produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- In a community, social distancing measures may include limiting or cancelling large gatherings of people.

How can I practice social distancing?

- Maintain distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid handshaking, hugging or other intimate types of greetings – greet others with a wave, nod or bow instead.
- Avoid non-essential travel.
- Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid visiting hospitals, long-term care facilities or nursing homes unless there is a medical need to do so.

