

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

# Social Media Toolkit

CDC created this social media toolkit to help localize efforts in responding to the virus that causes COVID-19.

This toolkit provides messages and graphics to help:

- Ensure current, correct messaging from a trusted source.
- Create collateral materials.
- Share resources.

All graphics and suggested messages are available for use on social media profiles and web pages.

Within this guide you will find information and suggested messages from our COVID-19 response. For more images and CDC content you can visit our Communication Resources page. All social media content is public domain and free to use by anyone for any purpose without restriction under copyright law. Please remember to use the #COVID19 hashtag when tweeting out any COVID-19 related content.

Instructions

To copy sample message: Press and hold the left mouse button and then drag the mouse from the top left to the bottom right of the entire selection of text you want to copy. To copy the highlighted text, on your keyboard, press the keyboard shortcut Ctrl+C or right-click the highlighted text and click Copy.

To download images: Scroll through available options by using the arrow to the left and right of the image. Click on an image and it will open in a new browser tab. Right-click on the image and select Save As.



# Social Distancing





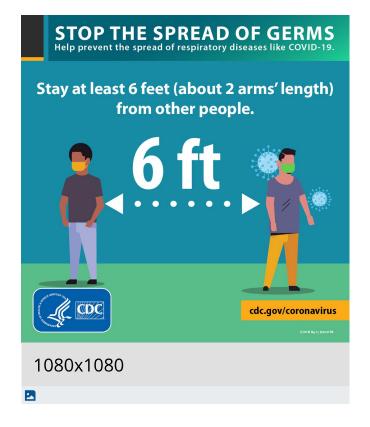


#### Instagram Sample Message

Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself and others. Continue to practice healthy habits to help slow the spread of #COVID19.

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and then disinfect frequently used surfaces
- Stay home if you're sick
- Avoid touching your face

Learn more about staying safe and healthy at cdc.gov/covid19 #CDC #PublicHealth





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Learn more: cdc.gov/covid19





Stop the Spread

# Facebook Sample Message

Much is unknown about how the virus that causes COVID-19 spreads. We believe it spreads mostly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when someone who is sick coughs or sneezes.

You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 by following simple daily precautions.

Learn how to protect yourself from COVID-19: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/preventgetting-sick/prevention.html





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# Cloth Face Covering

# Facebook / Pinterest Sample Message

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- Reach above the nose, below the chin, and completely cover the mouth and nostrils
- ✓ Fit snugly against the sides of the face
- ✓ Be made of multiple layers of fabric that you can still breathe through
- ✓ Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damaging the material or shape

Do not buy surgical masks to use as a face covering. Those are intended for healthcare workers and first responders. Many items you may already have in your home can be used to create face coverings.

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Learn more at https://bit.ly/2Ravt42 ☑ .



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Take action to slow the spread of #COVID19 by wearing a cloth face covering in public spaces, keeping at least 6 feet of physical distance, & frequently washing your hands.

Make a cloth face covering from a t-shirt, scarf or cloth napkin. Learn more at https://bit.ly/2Ravt42 ☑ .



# Cloth Face Coverings: Do's & Don'ts

## Facebook Sample Message

Wearing a cloth face covering CORRECTLY can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others. When you go out on essential trips, follow these "do's".

If you have a child, remember those under age 2 should not wear a face covering. See https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html



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For information on #COVID19 and face coverings, visit cdc.gov/coronavirus

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#### What To Do If You're Sick

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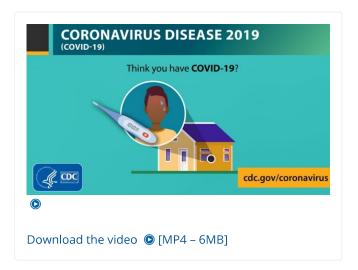
Do you think you may have COVID-19? If you think you're sick, follow guidance about when to call your doctor:

- Monitor your symptoms
- Call ahead before visiting your doctor
- Avoid close contact with others when you're out

Most people who get COVID-19 can take care of themselves at home. If you need to see a doctor, take precautions to protect yourself and others around you. See more: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html



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# **Testing Information**

# Facebook Sample Message

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, difficulty breathing) and want to get tested, call your doctor first. Also check with your state or local health department, which will have the latest information on testing. While supplies of these tests are increasing, it may still be difficult to find a place to get tested.

Learn more: https://bit.ly/34zW3cg 

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# **Protecting Older Adults**

# Facebook Sample Message

Older adults are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you or those you care for are at higher risk for severe illness, you should:

- Stay at home if possible
- Keep away from others who are sick
- Limit close contact with others
- Wash your hands often

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html



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#### Instagram Sample Message

Are you aware that older adults and people who have serious underlying medical conditions like chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, and diabetes are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19? If your parent or another relative is an older adult or has a serious underlying medical condition, they should be aware of preparations to take:

- Stay home if possible
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Take everyday preventive actions: wash hands often and avoid touching face, nose, and eyes
- Have over-the-counter medicines, medical supplies (like tissues), and extra necessary prescriptions
- Have extra household items and groceries on hand
- Make a plan for what to do if they get sick
- Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often
- Consult with their healthcare provider if they have symptoms of COVID-19

Learn more at cdc.gov/coronavirus



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Older adults & ppl w/ serious underlying medical conditions like chronic lung disease or serious heart conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Learn ways to support older adults in your family & community. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html



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#### **Stress**

# Facebook Sample Message

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations like COVID-19. You may feel anxious, mad, sad, or overwhelmed. Find ways you and your family can reduce stress.

- Learn the common signs of stress.
- Make time to unwind and do activities you enjoy.
- Talk with family and friends by phone, text, or email.
- If you or a loved one is feeling overwhelmed, get support 24/7 by calling 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746.

Learn more about stress and coping during the COVID-19 outbreak: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html



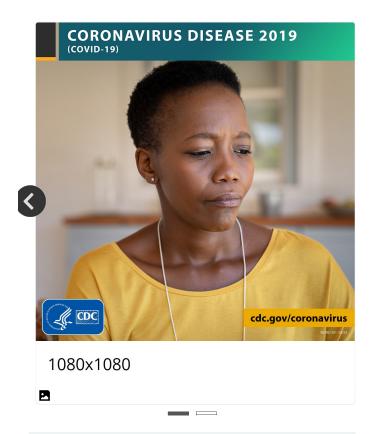
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Feeling stressed or anxious about #COVID19? Make time to do activities that you enjoy and can help you relax. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html



# Tips for Parents:

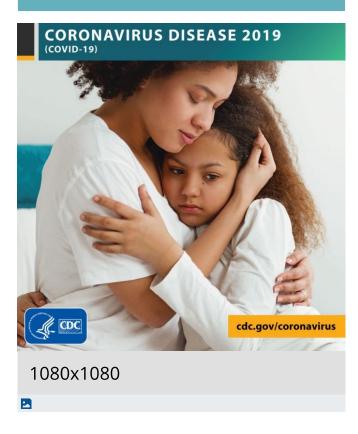
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Parents: Sudden changes in routine, as well as being home all the time can be hard for children.

Signs of stress include:

- Excessive worry or sadness
- Unhealthy sleeping or eating habits
- Difficulty with attention and concentration

Get tips for talking with your child about coronavirus: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/talking-with-children.html



# Twitter Sample Message

Is your child worried about #COVID19? Learn the facts so you can answer your children's questions. Make sure to explain the simple things they can do, like washing their hands often. Learn more here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-lifecoping/share-facts.html



# Facebook Sample Message

Parents: Keep your children and relatives healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak: postpone in-person visits with grandparents and any other family & friends. Find creative ways for you and your children to connect with them- a phone call, video chat, or handwritten letters. Learn more tips: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-lifecoping/children.html



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# **Takeout Food**

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Picking up takeout food while slowing the spread of COVID-19?

- Order & pay online or over the phone when possible.
- Accept take-out without in-person contact or stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol after bringing home your food.

Learn more about taking essential trips at this time: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/essential-goods-services.html



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Getting take-out while slowing the spread of #COVID19? Order & pay online or by phone, accept take-out without in-person contact if possible, stay 6 feet away from others, & wash your hands with soap & water after bringing home your food:

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# Protect Yourself While Buying Gas

#### Facebook Sample Message

Protect yourself from COVID-19 while getting gas:

- If available, use disinfecting wipes on handles and buttons of gas pump before you touch them.
- After you get gas and pay, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water when you get to your destination.

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Travel by Car, Bus, or Train

## Facebook Sample Message

If you must travel, take these steps to protect yourself & others from COVID-19 during your trip:

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact with others
- Wear a cloth face covering in public
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Pick up food at drive-throughs or at the curb. Do not dine-in.

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#### **PREVENT COVID-19 DURING TRAVEL**





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# Interim Guidance: Safety Practices for Critical Workers

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Workplaces carrying out critical functions: Use safety practices to protect critical infrastructure workers and their communities. When workers return to the job after potential COVID-19 exposure, implement these practices before and during their work shift:

- Pre-screen
- Monitor regularly
- Issue or approve personal face coverings
- Maintain social distance
- Disinfect and clean workspaces

See the new guidelines for employers: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/community/critical-workers/implementingsafety-practices.html



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Employers: CDC recommends add'l precautions in workplaces carrying out critical functions to protect workers & communities. An employer's #COVID19 toolkit should include pre-screening, regular monitoring, wearing masks, social distance, & disinfection. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html



## **Tribal Communities**

### Facebook Sample Message

Tribal leaders: You can help safeguard your communities from COVID-19 during funerals and burials. Actions, such as social distancing and wearing cloth face coverings, can help stop the spread of coronavirus. Learn more guidance for funeral and burial services for American Indians and Alaska Natives: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/tribal/faq-burial-practice.html



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#### Facebook Sample Message

Social distancing to stay healthy and safe may prevent people from following some traditional and ceremonial practices. This may be especially relevant for American Indian and Alaska Native communities, but it is very important to use social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Learn more about social distancing for tribal communities: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/community/tribal/social-distancing.html



#### Twitter Sample Message

Social distancing is crucial to stopping the spread of #COVID19, but it may make some people feel culturally isolated, including American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Learn how to cope with social distancing in your tribal community: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/community/tribal/social-distancing.html



# Pets & COVID-19 Guidance

# Facebook Sample Message

We're still learning about how #COVID19 affects animals, but it appears that people can spread the virus to animals in some situations. Until we know more, limit contact with pets if you are sick or feeling sick. For more info, see: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/animals.html.

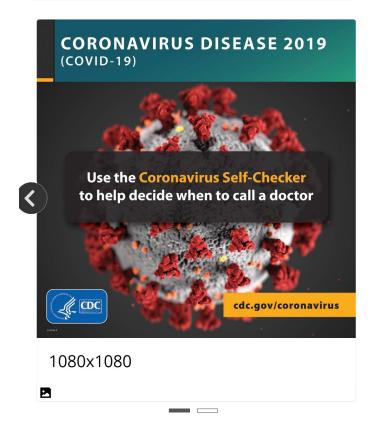


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## Facebook Sample Message

Everyone can help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Coronavirus Self-Checker, also known as Clara, can help you decide when to call your doctor if you are feeling sick. Try the symptom checker here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html#cdc-chat-bot-open



#### Instagram Sample Message

Feeling sick? Check in with Clara, CDC's Coronavirus Self-Checker, that can help you decide when to call your doctor. Answer a few simple questions and learn what you need to do next so you can protect yourself and others. #COVID19



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# CLARA Symptoms Self-Checker

# **Additional Images**



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