10 Ways to Manage COVID-19 Symptoms at Home

If you have any of the following symptoms, call your health care provider: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Your provider may tell you to manage symptoms at home. Follow these tips:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ride sharing, or taxis.

2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.

3. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.

4. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.

5. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**

6. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

7. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.

8. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.

9. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.

10. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**