

# Contact Tracing

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) describes contact tracing as "an effective disease control strategy that involves identifying cases and their contacts then working with them to interrupt disease transmission." In the public health world, contact tracing has long been used in response to infectious diseases. Currently the strategy includes interviewing affected individuals, monitoring cases, providing instructions on isolation and quarantine, and assisting in crisis management. Below are background resources on the principles and concepts involved in contact tracing and state implementation of contact tracing programs.

- [Contact Tracing Resources for Health Departments](#), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, updated September 1, 2020
- [Contact Tracing](#), Texas Department of State Health Services, last updated June 28, 2020
- [How States Are Ramping Up Their COVID-19 Contract Tracing Capacity](#) (Includes an [interactive map](#)), National Academy for State Health Policy, June 8, 2020
- ["COVID-19 Contact Tracing: What Is It and How It Is Getting Done in States,"](#) *The NCSL Blog*, National Conference of State Legislatures, June 2, 2020
- [Principles of Contact Tracing](#), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, updated April 29, 2020
- [Roadmap to Recovery: A Public Health Guide for Governors](#) (Step 3: Dramatically Scale Capacity for Isolation, Contact Tracing, and Quarantine), National Governors Association, April 21, 2020
- [Contact Tracing and Disease Intervention Resources](#), Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- [COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing Resources](#), National Conference of State Legislatures

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