

## COVID-19

### Safety Guidelines and Reducing the Stigma

Public health emergencies, such as this pandemic, are stressful times for people and communities. St. Luke's is committed to doing everything we can to ensure your safety and that of the general public. We are diligently working to address the COVID-19 pandemic in our community.

# We can all play an important role in preventing COVID-19 spread by following these health and safety practices:

- Wear a mask properly (over nose & mouth)
- Wash hands for 20 seconds
- Avoid large crowds
- Social distance 6 feet







#### **Reducing the Stigma**

Fear and anxiety about a disease can lead to social stigma, which is a negative association and beliefs toward people, places, or things. For example, *stigma and discrimination* can occur when people link a disease, such as COVID-19, with a population, community, or nationality. Stigma can also happen after a person has recovered from COVID-19 or has been released from home isolation or quarantine.

#### **Get the Facts. Reduce Stigma!**

Education can reduce the stigma so we can get the help we need and stop the spread.

Facts, not fear, will stop the spread of the coronavirus.

- No single person or group of people are more likely than others to spread COVID-19.
- Refrain from talking negatively about those who may have had COVID-19 and encourage others to talk with their health care provider if they have any questions or concerns.
- Stigma can lead to labeling, stereotyping, discrimination, and other negative behaviors toward others.

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 Primary Care Provider (or if you don't have one call 1-866-STLUKES, option 7).



#### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

View our comparison chart showing the differences between COVID, allergies, cold and flu.

	COVID-19	Allergies	Cold	Flu	
COUGH					
<b>fever</b>					Frequently Sometimes Little Rarely None
\$HORTNESS OF BREATH					
BODY ACHES					
HEADACHE					
FATIGUE					
SORE THROAT					
DIARRHEA					
RUNNY NOSE					
SNEEZING					
MATERY EYES					

#### **LEARN MORE!**

You can stop the spread and protect yourself and others.

- St. Luke's Coronavirus Information: www.slhn.org/covid-19
- St. Luke's Community and School Recommendations: www.slhn.org/covid-19/protect-yourself/ back-to-school-recommendations
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Reducing Coronavirus Stigma:
   www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/ daily-life-coping/reducing-stigma
- World Health Organization: www.who.int
- St. Luke's Wellness 101: www.slhn.org/covid-19/protect-yourself/ helpful-videos

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