If you are caring for or living with someone who has the virus, you are considered a ‘close contact’.

Contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 on how to monitor your own health and what to do if you feel sick. Be sure to tell health care providers that you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

Wash your hands
- Wash your hands with soap and water after each contact with the infected person.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Wear a mask and gloves
- Wear a mask and gloves when you have contact with the person’s saliva or other body fluids (e.g. blood, sweat, saliva, vomit, urine and feces).

Dispose of gloves and mask after each use
- Take the gloves and mask off right after you provide care and dispose of them in a wastebasket lined with a plastic bag.
- Take off the gloves first and clean your hands with soap and water before taking off your mask.
- Clean your hands again with soap and water before touching your face or doing anything else.

Limit the number of visitors in your home
- Only have visitors who you must see and keep the visits short.
- Keep seniors and people with chronic medical conditions (e.g. diabetes, lung problems, and immune deficiency) away from the infected person.
Avoid sharing household items
• Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding or other items with the person under self-isolation.
• After use, these items should be washed with soap or detergent in warm water. No special soap is needed.
• Dishwashers and washing machines can be used.
• Do not share cigarettes.

Clean
• Clean your home with regular household cleaners.
• Clean regularly touched items such as toilets, sink tap handles, doorknobs and bedside tables on a daily basis.

Wash laundry thoroughly
• There is no need to separate the laundry, but you should wear gloves when handling.
• Clean your hands with soap and water immediately after removing your gloves.

Be careful when touching waste
• All waste can go into regular garbage bins.
• When emptying wastebaskets, take care to not touch used tissues with your hands. Lining the wastebasket with a plastic bag makes waste disposal easier and safer.
• Clean your hands with soap and water after emptying the wastebasket.

Learn about the virus
COVID-19 is a new virus. It spreads by respiratory droplets of an infected person to others with whom they have close contact such as people who live in the same household or provide care.

You can also access up to date information on COVID-19 on the Ontario Ministry of Health’s website: ontario.ca/coronavirus

Stay updated with reliable information at peelregion.ca/coronavirus or 905-799-7700, Caledon 905-584-2216

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