**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MADERA**

**PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT**

**Court Actions to Mitigate the Spread of Contagious Illnesses and Address Public Concern Regarding COVID-19**

It is the responsibility of this court to ensure equal access to the legal process which includes the right of all visitors to the Madera County Superior Court access to our courthouse without fear they may become exposed to contagious illnesses. This document is published to advise of the actions implemented by court administration to ensure the safety of our courthouse and the health of its visitors. While this policy statement relates directly to recent concern regarding a new strain of the coronavirus, COVID-19, the procedures outlined herein will protect against the spread of contagious illnesses generally.

**What is the Coronavirus?**

Coronaviruses are fairly common viruses that are found in the general population. The current strain of coronavirus, COVID-19, is different because it is a new strain for which a vaccine is not currently available, and the majority of the general population has not developed antibodies.

**What is the Madera County Superior Court doing to mitigate the spread of all contagious illnesses, including COVID-19?**

Court administration will have continuing contact with the Madera County Department of Public Health and will follow the best practice recommendations of those public health officials. The entire courthouse, including all public areas are cleaned daily. To reduce the spread of illness our building maintenance staff has emphasized the disinfecting of all areas within the courthouse.

It is recommended that Court visitors adhere to the following procedures:

1. Frequently, throughout the day, wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds;

2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;

3. Avoid close contact with persons who are sick;

4. If possible, postpone your visit to the Courthouse if you are sick with respiratory symptoms, a fever or a cough;

5. Follow the guidance of your doctor or public health officials.

**What if I have received a jury summons to appear in court?**

***If you are not sick***, you should report to the jury assembly room on the date and time indicated in your jury summons. Follow the five recommended procedures described above. You may consider bringing a small container of hand sanitizer with you to the courthouse as an additional precautionary measure.

***It is emphasized that if you are sick with respiratory symptoms, a fever or a cough, DO NOT report to jury service.*** Contact the jury commissioner's office at (559) 416-5570 to request that your jury service be deferred to a future date.

**How can I keep informed regarding the coronavirus?**

The latest information regarding COVID-19 is available on the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov, and the Madera County Department of Public Health website at www.maderacounty.com/government/public-health/health-updates/corona-virus.

The Madera County Superior Court will provide additional information as it becomes available.

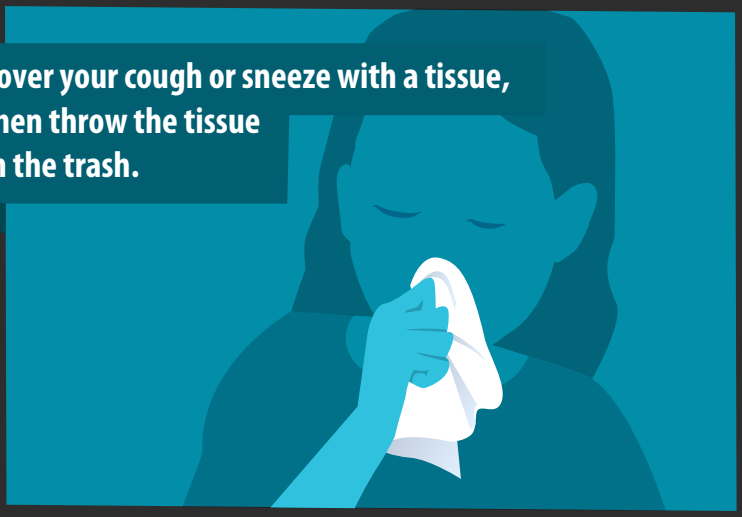
COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

# STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

## Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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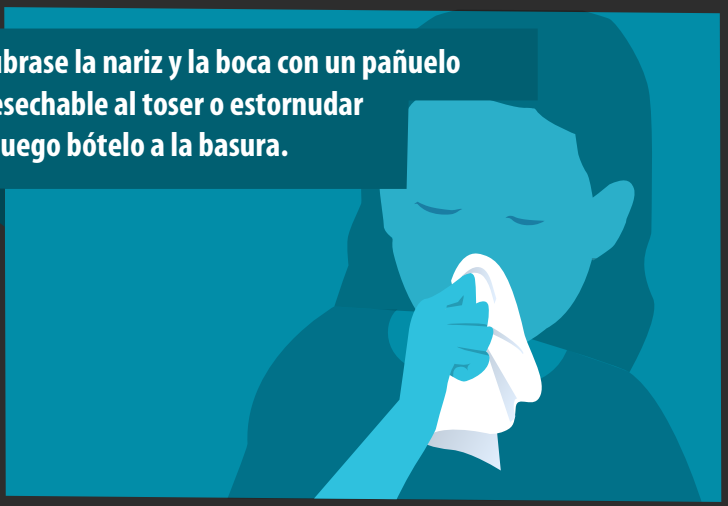
ENFERMEDAD DEL CORONAVIRUS

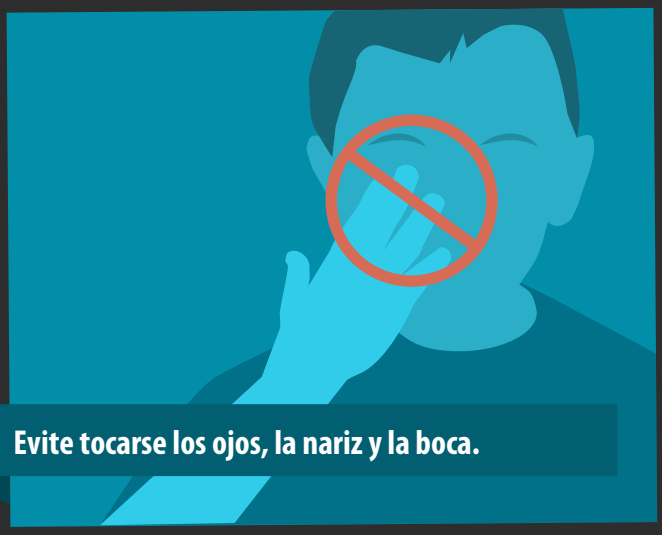
# DETENGA LA PROPAGACIÓN DE LOS MICROBIOS

## Ayude a prevenir la propagación de virus respiratorios como el nuevo COVID-19.

Evite el contacto cercano con las personas enfermas.

Cúbrase la nariz y la boca con un pañuelo desechable al toser o estornudar y luego bótelo a la basura.

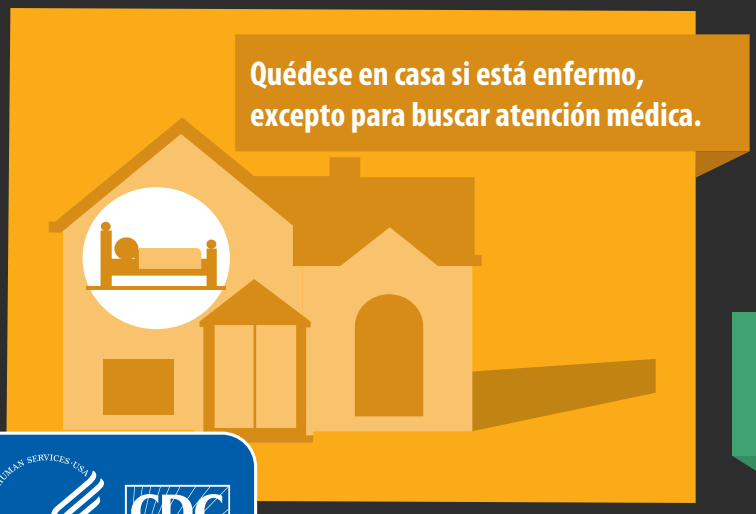


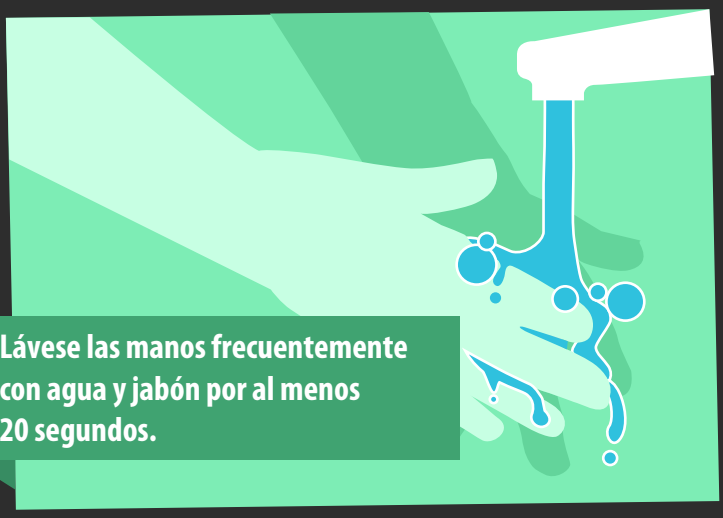


Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca.

Limpie y desinfecte los objetos y las superficies que se tocan frecuentemente.

Quédese en casa si está enfermo, excepto para buscar atención médica.





Lávese las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos.

Para obtener más información: **www.cdc.gov/COVID19-es**

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