

Contact Tracing is conducted by certified contact tracers (public health employees).

- People who test positive for COVID-19 are contacted by a certified contact tracer (CCT) and asked to recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the timeframe while they may have been infectious.
- CCTs may not, and do not, ask where you came in contact with others.
- To protect patient's privacy, contacts are informed only that they may have been exposed to an infectious patient, they are not told of the identity of the patient who may have exposed them, or where the exposure occurred.
- Contacts are provided with education, information, and support to understand their risk, what they should do to separate themselves from others who are not exposed, monitor themselves for illness, and the possibility that they may spread infection even if they are not ill.

CCTs will not ask and do not care about anything other than the public health. They will not ask about warrants, immigration status, where you were exposed or anything else. They do not care about it; they care about the health of the public (us).

The person who tests positive is the one who provides the names and numbers of people they have been in contact with to the CCT who calls on them.

Suggestions on how groups may wish to comply with this mandate.

A sign in list for each meeting: use of first name and last initial is okay, although last name is preferred. The correct phone number should be given. Some groups have a pre-registration for in person meetings instead, or in addition to a list.

The list of attendees is to be kept confidential by a highly trusted group member, and only given to the person who has tested positive and asks for it. The "spiritual list keeper" is advised to be respectful, and not share with others what person asked for the list. Best practice *is to treat who asked for the list the same way we would when we hear someone's Fifth Step, completely confidential.*

The minimum amount of time a list should be kept is 4 weeks, after that can be destroyed.

That list is not to be forwarded to any agency or public health official by the group. That is not the group's job. The group can provide that list to the AA member who tests positive, who then relays to the CCT the name and number of the people they have been in close contact with.

Additional information is available:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html>

Our AA principles guide us through this Flying Blind Period 2.0

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/p-16\\_theaagroup.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-16_theaagroup.pdf)

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_tradition\\_longform.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_tradition_longform.pdf)

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-211\\_SafetyCardforAAGroups.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-211_SafetyCardforAAGroups.pdf)

I hope this is helpful; I'm excited about AA groups carrying the message safely!

In love with service,

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