

Attending Mass at St. Jerome's Church – Contact Tracing

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Dear Parishioners of St Jerome's and St Anne's

St. Jerome's will be following the guidance in relation to Contact Tracing. Please find below the process that this involves.

However, the biggest thing to note is that if you are feeling unwell in any way at all you should not attend church, this is for your benefit and all of your parish community and the wider community as a whole.

How does contact tracing work in England?

If you develop [coronavirus symptoms](#) and [test positive](#), you'll be contacted by text, email or phone and asked to log on to the [NHS Test and Trace](#) website.

There you must give personal information, including:

- Name, date of birth and postcode
- Who you live with
- Places you visited recently
- Names and contact details of people you have recently been in close contact with

Close contacts are:

- people you've spent 15 minutes or more with at a distance of less than 2m (6ft)
- Sexual partners, household members or people with whom you have had face-to-face conversations at a distance of less than 1m

Contact must have taken place within a nine-day period, starting 48 hours before symptoms appeared.

No-one contacted will be told your identity.

A parent or guardian must give permission for a call with under-18s to continue.

Must I provide contact details if eating out?

Organisations in certain sectors – like pubs and restaurants – [must collect and keep customer details for 21 days](#).

It's because there's a higher risk of transmitting Covid-19 in public places – both inside and outdoors – where people are near others they don't live with.

Giving personal information is voluntary and it's not the venue's responsibility to ensure it's correct.

If a customer tests positive, will the pub or restaurant have to close?

Possibly, but not necessarily.

[Official government advice](#) says an NHS Test and Trace call does not always mean a pub or restaurant must close.

It depends on the circumstances and when the infected person visited.

NHS Test and Trace could ask staff to:

- get tested for Covid-19
- take extra care with social distancing
- self-isolate "in some circumstances"

Local health protection officials have the power to close establishments.

A few pubs in England, which reopened on 4 July, have closed after customers tested positive.

- [Pubs close after drinkers test positive](#)
- [Second pub in town forced to close](#)

What if I am contacted?

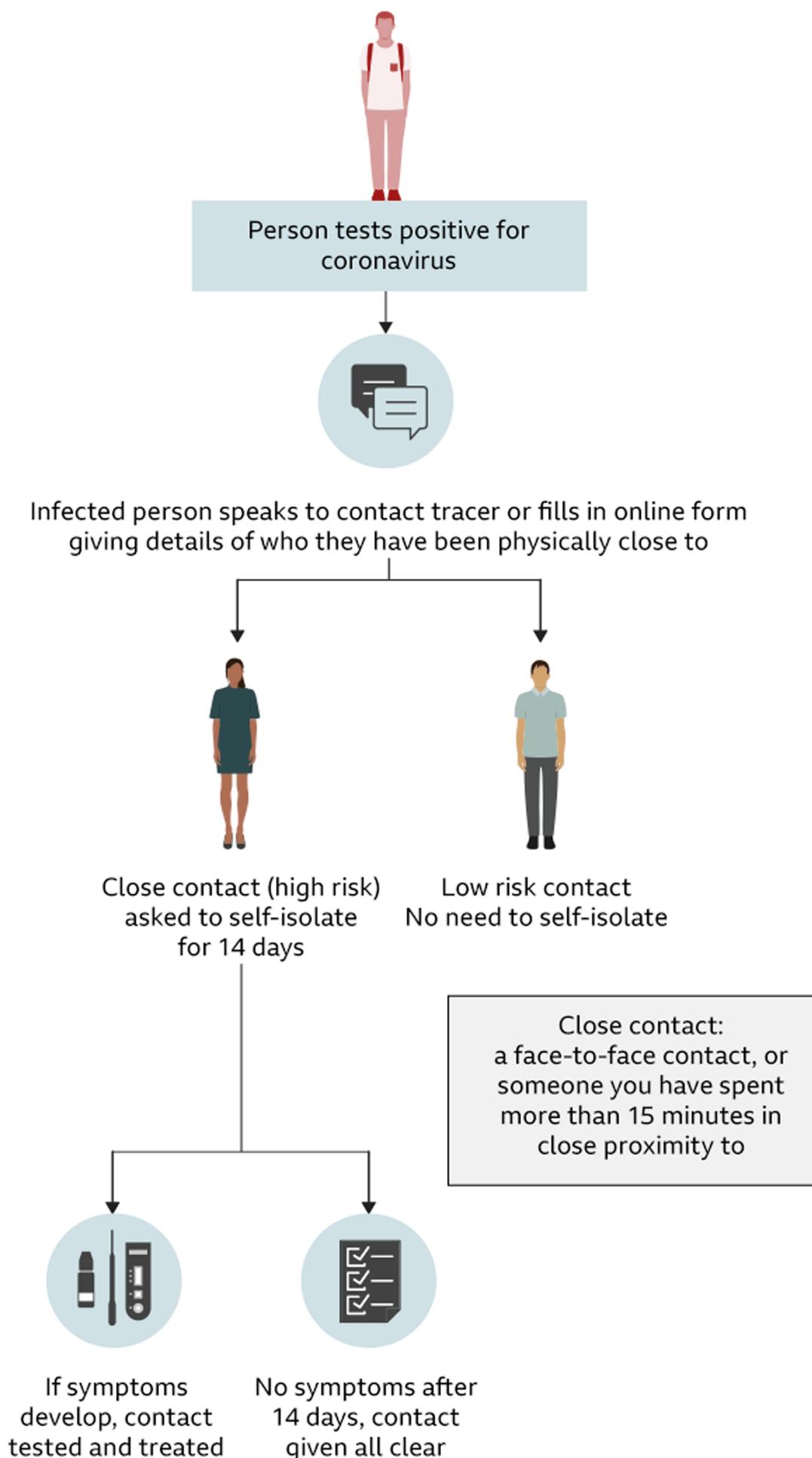
Anyone deemed at risk of infection must stay at home for 14 days from their point of contact with the infected person.

You must self-isolate, even if you don't have symptoms, to prevent the virus spreading. You should order food or medicine online or by phone, or ask friends and family to leave it on your doorstep.

- [What are the self-isolation rules?](#)
- [My new skill as a contact tracer](#)

Other people you live with won't have to self-isolate, unless they also develop symptoms, but they must take extra care around you regarding social distancing and hand washing.

How manual contact tracing works

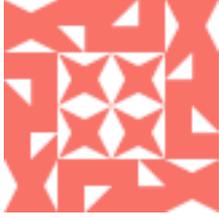


Do I have to self-isolate?

It's currently voluntary. But the Department of Health says it may check up on people and could impose fines.

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