What Does it Mean to Self-Isolate?

Self-isolation means avoiding situations where you could infect other people. This includes any situation where you may come in close contact with others (face to face contact closer than 6 feet), such as social events, work, school, restaurants, and all public gatherings.

When to Self-Isolate

For all Stanford community members: if you (or your spouse/housemate) have returned from travel to mainland China in the last 14 days, we ask that you self-isolate, working or studying from home, until 14 days have passed since your return date. This includes all individuals, including children, with or without symptoms.

Self-Isolation Guidelines:

- **Stay in your room or at home** and do not go to class or participate in any campus activities. (Work with your professors to arrange for remote access to classes, if appropriate.)
- **Do not go to work.** Work with your supervisor and HR to explore working from home options, if appropriate.
- **Do not go to public events, meetings,** social activities, or other group activities. Do not have others come to your home for social visits.
- **Avoid rideshare and public transportation,** such as Uber, Lyft, taxis, Caltrain and BART.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes with your upper sleeve or a tissue.** Never cough in the direction of someone else.
- **Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- **Wash laundry and dishes using hot water.** If you can, use a washing machine and dishwasher.
- **Monitor yourself for symptoms.** If you develop a fever, cough, or sore throat, call your health care provider for advice, and share your travel history.

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