

2021 Enumeration COVID-19 Safety Protocol: Overview

The presence of COVID-19 has introduced new challenges.

This guideline was created to support enumeration staff in their work while performing enumeration duties.

COVID-19: The Basics

COVID-19 is an infection caused by a coronavirus that can result in mild to severe respiratory illness.

It spreads from person to person through respiratory droplets when someone who is infected with the virus coughs or sneezes. These droplets can spread up to two metres (six feet). It may also be possible for a person to get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.

Individuals who have been infected with the COVID-19 virus are able to transmit the virus to others early in their illness, including in the days before they develop symptoms (pre-symptomatic), and up to at least 10 days after they develop symptoms. Some infected individuals may have very mild symptoms, or no symptoms (asymptomatic), but are still able to transmit the virus to others, this means that some infected individuals will be able to infect others but may not look or even feel ill themselves. The estimated incubation period for COVID-19 is 5-6 days on average, ranging from 1 to 14 days.

Enumeration Team will be mindful of what they touch and alert to their surroundings when interacting with people.

Always remember to...

- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve and avoid touching your face.
- Keep appropriate physical distancing and cleanliness protocols at all times.
- Sanitize hands often
- Avoid shaking hands or other physical greetings or contact
- Stop working and self-isolate or go to a health facility if you are ill



When putting on gear:

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or sanitize with 70% alcohol
- Inspect the gloves and masks for tears
- Mask: with clean/sanitized hands – stretch mask over face putting bands behind ears. Pinch at nose and pull mask down over chin. Adjust accordingly.
- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds/sanitize with 70% alcohol.
- Gloves: pull new gloves on
- Wash/sanitize gloves after each contact

Pre-Survey Taking

- Minimize direct contact: Use social media, mobile phone, iPad instead
- Avoid wearing jewelry, watches or anything that would need to be cleaned afterwards
- Make sure you have face mask and sanitizer
- Place your smartphone in a new sealable, plastic bag and use it while in the bag during the survey taking if needed.

During Survey Taking

- Wear face mask
- Clean hands with sanitizer often
- Stand 2 meters (6 ft) away from others at all times
- Avoid shaking hands or other physical greetings or contact
- Limit duration of contact
- Leave behind contact information/leaflets

After Survey Taking

Taking off gear:

- Start with gloves
- Wash/sanitize gloves
- Pinch/grasp palm area- peel off turning inside out
- Holding the removed glove firmly in gloved fist, slide fingers of ungloved hand under the cuff and peel glove off until inside out. First glove inside the second.
- Place both gloves into closed trash can. **Note: Never reuse gloves.**
- Wash/sanitize hands
- Grasping mask by loops on ears – remove, place in closed trash can. **Note: Never reuse masks.**
- Wash/sanitize hands.

Lastly. clean/disinfect pens, iPad, clipboard, and any other items used during survey taking

