WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING?
AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Social Distancing is the practice of purposefully reducing close contact between people in order to reduce the spread of disease.

You can take measures to reduce the spread of Coronavirus or COVID-19:

- **AVOID** crowded public places (shopping centers, bars, restaurants, movie theaters, mass gatherings)
- **MAINTAIN** distance (about 6 ft for a prolonged period) from others when possible
- Social distancing is not always possible but do the best you can to maintain personal space and practice good hygiene.

HOW DOES IT HELP REDUCE + SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19?

When we minimize the amount of close contact we have with others, we reduce our chances of catching the virus and spreading it within our communities.

The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads:

- **BETWEEN** people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet)
- **THROUGH** respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes

These droplets can land in the mouth or nose of people nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

SLOWING DOWN the spread of the virus keeps everyone from getting sick at once so our healthcare systems are not overwhelmed.

This could put a major stress on hospitals and other medical facilities reducing their ability to provide other usual and necessary medical care within our community.

It’s up to all of us to keep our community safe!

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