## Tips to Prepare for Sheltering during COVID-19

### Prepare to Shelter

- If you need to evacuate, prepare a "go kit" with personal items you cannot do without during an emergency. Include masks and items to protect yourself during COVID-19.
- Know a safe place to shelter.
- Ask friends/relatives outside your area if you can stay with them.
- Check hotels, motels, and campgrounds to see if they are open.
- Find out if your local public shelter is open.
- Make a plan and prepare a disaster kit for your pets.
- Make sure you have access to alerts and notifications to monitor changing conditions from local officials.


### Protect Yourself and Others While in an Evacuation Center

- Practice social distancing.
- Follow CDC COVID-19 Preventive actions - wash your hands, and cover coughs and sneezes.
- Follow disaster shelter policies designed to protect everyone in the shelter.
- Avoid touching high-touch surfaces as much as possible.
- Keep your living area in the shelter clean and disinfect frequently-touched items.
- If you feel sick when you arrive at the shelter, or start to feel sick while sheltering, tell shelter staff immediately.

### Protecting Yourself from Wildfire Smoke

- Limit outdoor activities.
- Continue to use face coverings.
- Make sure you continue to monitor changing conditions.

### Responding to Evacuation

- Evacuate immediately when advised.
- Follow evacuation routes that are determined by officials.
- Listen to radio/TV for announcements from local officials.

### After Evacuation

- Do not enter your home until fire officials say it is safe.
- Use caution when entering areas and avoid damaged power lines, poles, and downed wires.
- Ensure food and water are safe. Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke, or soot.