Glossary of Common COVID-19 Terms

**Antibody (serology) Tests (for COVID-19):** An antibody test tells you if you had a previous infection.

**Asymptomatic:** a disease is considered asymptomatic if a patient is a carrier for a disease or infection, such as COVID-19, but experiences no symptoms.

**Cohorting:** grouping residents for purposes of keeping them within smaller numbers, scheduled together for essential services, a form of isolation in the event of an exposure we limit our overall exposure to that small group versus large numbers. These are not specifically COVID-19 confirmed.

**Community transmission of COVID-19:** Community transmission of COVID-19 occurs when individuals acquire the disease through contact with someone in their local community, rather than through travel to an affected location.

**Confirmed vs. Suspected COVID-19 case:** A confirmed case has received a positive result from a COVID-19 laboratory test, with or without symptoms. A suspected case shows symptoms of COVID-19 but either has not been tested or is awaiting test results. If test results are positive, a suspected case becomes a confirmed case.

**Contact or Back tracing:** Contact tracing occurs when officials and medical experts work to find the identities of people who may have been in contact with someone who was ill—and therefore may become sick.

**Isolation:** separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

**Quarantine:** separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

**Viral Tests (for COVID-19):** A viral test tells you if you have a current infection.

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Be **SAFE** from coronavirus infection
Be **SMART & inform yourself about it**
Be **KIND & support one another**

*Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds*