

WORDS OF THE WEEK

WORDS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

coronavirus

A TYPE OF VIRUS THAT CAUSES DISEASES IN HUMANS AND ANIMALS

index case

FIRST DOCUMENTED CASE OF AN INFECTIOUS ILLNESS IN A POPULATION, REGION OR FAMILY

index patient

AN INDIVIDUAL AFFECTED WITH THE FIRST KNOWN CASE OF AN INFECTIOUS ILLNESS IN A POPULATION, REGION OR FAMILY

patient zero

A PERSON IDENTIFIED AS THE FIRST TO BECOME INFECTED WITH A DISEASE IN AN OUTBREAK

contact tracing

MONITORING PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH AN INFECTIOUS PERSON AS A WAY OF CONTROLLING THE SPREAD OF A DISEASE

community spread

THE SPREAD OF A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE TO INDIVIDUALS IN A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION WHO HAVE NO KNOWN CONTACT WITH OTHER INFECTED PEOPLE

social distancing

A SAFE PRACTICE FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF A VERY INFECTIOUS DISEASE SUCH AS THE CORONAVIRUS

self-quarantine

TO AVOID ANY CONTACT WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME (TWO WEEKS) DURING THE OUTBREAK OF A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE