

## Visits to nursing homes are forbidden

**The government wants to protect the elderly from being infected by the Corona virus. All visits to nursing homes in the whole country are now prohibited.**

As from April 1<sup>st</sup>, visits to friends and relatives in Swedish nursing homes are forbidden. This has been decided by the government, so that elderly are not infected by the Corona virus. Those older than 70, or those with certain severe underlying diseases, run the greatest risks. Prohibiting visits to nursing homes helps to protect them.

Elderly living at home should avoid meeting other people. Friends and relatives can lend a hand by shopping or keeping in touch over the phone.

If several people live together it is good if family members have a minimum of social contacts and keep a physical distance.

It is important to wash hands with extra care and keep a distance of 1 meter from each other.

– If we all take our responsibility we will handle the situation better, says Lisa Labbé Sandelin, Kalmar County Medical Officer of Infection Prevention. Everyone is affected, but everyone can help.

### More tests will be taken

The government has also decided Sweden will conduct more Covid-19 (i.e. Corona-virus) sampling. Initially patients and hospital workers will be tested. Those with vital functions for the community will follow. Finally tests to find out who has already had Corona and is now immune to the virus will be done.

### Droplet infection

Covid-19 (Corona) is a droplet infection. The virus is transmitted by saliva (respiratory droplets). These droplets are small, like condensation on a mirror or the cloud produced when you breathe out in cold air.



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