



ACP Policy on Social Distancing

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Decisions on easing, extending or increasing isolation or social distancing recommendations and requirements should be constantly re-evaluated and based on what clinical and public health experts assess to be the most effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19, treating those with it, reducing illness and mortality, and ensuring that the health care system has the necessary capacity to provide evidence-based treatments to all who require them. Such science-based recommendations should be supported and not undermined by federal, state, or local public officials. Currently, social distancing is our best defense to reduce spread of the disease to save lives and conserve health system capacity, should be implemented more broadly, and be maintained for as long as evidence suggests necessary.