

Talk with friends and family about the risks of alcohol use and COVID-19.

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Alcohol use affects the health of people of all ages. During the pandemic, these effects may increase your risk of infection, severe disease, or death from COVID-19. Alcohol use can:\*

- Worsen lung damage and injury
- Lower your immune response to viruses
- Increase inflammation in many areas of the body
- > Alter your thoughts, judgement, and decision making

\*Source: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism





There are many myths and misconceptions around alcohol use. During the pandemic, make sure you know the facts so you can make healthy choices. Alcohol use **DOES NOT**:\*

- > Kill any variant of COVID-19
- > Reduce your chance of getting COVID-19
- Improve your immune system health

\*Source: World Health Organization

- There are clear steps you can take to stay healthy and safe during the pandemic:\*
  - 1 Wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines
  - 2 Exercise regularly, eat healthy, get plenty of sleep, and drink water
  - 3 Talk with friends and family about the risks of alcohol use and COVID-19
  - 4 Avoid or limit drinking so you can make decisions with a clear mind

\*Source: World Health Organization



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