

Wondering if you have coronavirus symptoms? Siri can help

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Now your iPhone or other Apple device can help you determine if you have symptoms associated with the coronavirus.



You can simply ask Siri about symptoms of the coronavirus—"Siri, what are the symptoms of the coronavirus?"—and the digital voice assistant will take you through a list of questions to assess your risks in the update, as first reported by CNBC.

The assistant will ask you whether you certain symptoms such as fever, dry cough or trouble breathing and if you have been in contact with someone who might have contracted the virus.

Even if Siri assesses that you are at <u>lower risk</u>, the assistant will offer some advice on hand washing and <u>social distancing</u>. Answers come from the U.S. Public Health Service and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

People began posting on Twitter about finding the update on Saturday.

Apple has also highlighted relevant videos and apps in the App Store. One video on social distancing featured Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Dr. Deborah Birx, White House coronavirus response coordinator, and Surgeon General Jerome Adams. There's also a collection of telehealth apps for those seeking medical advice.

Other major tech companies have also been making medical information available. Google on Saturday launched a website with resources and tips. Facebook has been putting the latest news and updates about the pandemic at the top of the social network's news feeds and on Thursday CEO Mark Zuckerberg hosted a Facebook Live chat with Fauci.

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