

*"During this current influenza epidemic, may G-d save us, I wish to let the public know that those who must sit shiva, may G-d protect them, may and must ease off in observing the laws of mourning. That is to say, those who live in tight quarters, or who must access fresh air, are permitted to go outdoors for several hours daily for health reasons.*

*Also, anyone lacking someone to pick up provisions for them, may themselves go shopping for essentials.*

*Also, you may wear shoes even in the house in order to not get chilled, G-d have mercy. It's also permitted to change undergarments, for hygienic purposes, and when necessary, bathe, taking care not to catch cold afterwards. We must hope that G-d, blessed be his name, will have mercy on us and the world and remove all sickness and evil ones and suffering spreading throughout the world, and will tell the destroying angel to cease, and will bring us peace and grace as is desired by all G-d's nation and as is desired by those seeking the blessed G-d's swift compassion.*

***Signed Gavriel Zev Margolis,  
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