English
"Coronavirus and COVID-19"

Word list

self-isolating

repatriation flights

pandemic

quarantine

lockdown

corona hotspot

exit strategy

rebound

shutdown

home-office

social distancing

contactless delivery

panic buying

triage test

1. Fill in the missing words. Use the words from the word list.

Reactions in times of crisis

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