

COVID-19 Testing, Isolation, & Quarantine FAQ



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DEFINITIONS

Exposure is contact with someone infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in a way that increases the likelihood of getting infected with the virus.

Close Contacts are someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. For example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes.

Get Vaccinated and Stay Up to Date

Up to date means a person have received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster does(s) when eligible.

Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

Calculating Quarantine

The date of your exposure is considered day 0. **Day 1 is the first full day after your last contact with a person who has had COVID-19.** Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days.

IF YOU
Were exposed
to COVID-19
and are NOT up-
to-date on
COVID-19
vaccinations

Quarantine for at least 5 days

Stay home
Stay home and quarantine for at least 5 full days.

Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.

Get tested
Even if you don't develop symptoms, get tested at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

After quarantine

Watch for symptoms
Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If you develop symptoms Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others

Take precautions until day 10

Wear a mask
Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.

Avoid Travel
Avoid being around people who are at high risk

IF YOU
Were exposed
to COVID-19
and are up-to-
date on
COVID-19
vaccinations

No quarantine
You do not need to stay home **unless** you develop symptoms

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IF YOU
Were exposed
to COVID-19
and had
confirmed
COVID-19
within the past
90 days (you
tested positive
using a viral
test)

No quarantine
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Watch for symptoms
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If you develop symptoms Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others

Take precautions until day 10
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Calculating Isolation

Day 0 is the first day of your symptoms or a positive test. **Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed or your test specimen was collected.** If you have COVID-19 or have symptoms, isolate for at least 5 days.

IF YOU tested positive for COVID- 19 or have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status.

Stay at home for at least 5 day and isoate from others in your home. Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.

Ending Isolation if you had symptoms after a 5 full days if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving.

Ending isolation if you did not have symptoms end islaion after 5 full days after your positive test

If you were severly ill with CoVID-19 You should isolate for at least 10 days. Consult you doctor befor ending isolation.