**CASES**

Must be isolated for a minimum of 10 days* after symptom onset (or specimen collection date if asymptomatic) and can be released when the following criteria are met:

- Case is afebrile (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours and with improvement of COVID-19 symptoms

**OR**

- Case has 2 negative COVID-19 PCR tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart

*Time-based strategy for release from isolation*

- Onset date
- Minimum 10 days
- Case released from isolation
- + Afebrile and feeling well for at least 24 hours

*A limited number of persons with severe illness or who are severely immunosuppressed may produce replication-competent virus beyond 10 days; this may warrant extending duration of isolation and precautions for up to 20 days after symptom onset or first positive test (if no symptoms).

Consult with infectious disease physician.


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**CLOSE CONTACTS**

- Must be quarantined for 14 days after the last/most recent contact with the case when the case was infectious.
- If a close contact develops symptoms, they should follow isolation rules for cases.

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<th>Contact Scenario</th>
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<td>• Has close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and will not have further close contact</td>
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<td>• 14 days from when the person with COVID-19 began home isolation away from other members of the household</td>
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<td>• Is under quarantine and had additional close contact with someone else who has COVID-19</td>
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<td>• Lives with someone who has COVID-19 and cannot avoid continued close contact (e.g., shared kitchen/bathroom)</td>
<td>• Quarantine for 14 days after the person who has COVID-19 meets the criteria to end home isolation (see Cases information).</td>
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1 For COVID-19, a close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.


References