

When to Stay Home

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. [Learn why CDC updated guidance for the general public.](#)

**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](#) with
vaccination OR
had confirmed
COVID-19
within the past
90 days (you
tested positive
using a viral
test)

No quarantine

You do not need to stay home **unless** you develop symptoms.

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

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

Calculating Isolation

Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral 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 home for at least 5 days

Stay home for 5 days and [isolate](#) 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

[End isolation after 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 isolation after at least 5 full days](#) after your positive test.

If you were severely ill with COVID-19

You should isolate for at least 10 days. [Consult your doctor before ending isolation.](#)

Take precautions until day 10

Wear a mask

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Avoid travel

Avoid being around people who are at high risk