COVID–19 Response: When to Quarantine
For Business, Education, and Child Care Settings

For non-healthcare, non-residential settings, quarantine is no longer recommended if a potential exposure occurs while both the infectious individual and the close contacts are wearing face coverings consistently and correctly.

- In all scenarios below, an individual is considered a **close contact** when they have been within **6 feet of the COVID-19 positive individual for 15 minutes.**
- Individuals who are a **close contact due to exposure to a household member are required to quarantine for at least 14 days.** Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.
- **Individuals who have COVID-19 must isolate for at least 10 days.** Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their home.
- There will be two options for exposed individuals with NO symptoms to reduce their 14-day quarantine.
  1. A contact may resume activities after 10 days without a test OR
  2. A contact may resume activities after 7 days with a negative test. The test must be taken within 48 hours of the end of quarantine. Everyone must still monitor for 14 days for symptoms and exclude themselves if symptoms develop and contact their provider. **Please note that this is only for people exposed and quarantined. If you test positive for COVID, nothing has changed with the 10 days isolation with 24 hours fever free.**
- Acceptable face coverings are described in CDC guidance available at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

Everyone Masked

When a masked individual tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks...

ISOLATE — COVID Positive

SELF-MONITOR — Close Contacts

Close Contacts Masked

When an unmasked individual tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks...

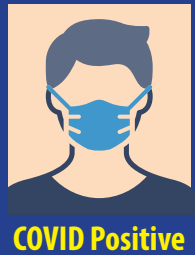ISOLATE — COVID Positive

QUARANTINE — Close Contacts

Some Close Contacts Masked

When a masked individual tests positive and SOME close contacts were wearing masks...
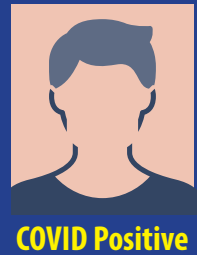
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No One Masked

When an unmasked individual tests positive and close contacts were NOT wearing masks...

ISOLATE — COVID Positive

QUARANTINE — Close Contacts

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