

Glossary: COVID-19 Terms

Case investigation

Case investigation is part of the process of supporting patients with suspected or confirmed infection. Public health staff work with a patient to help them recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the time frame while they may have been infectious.

Close contacts

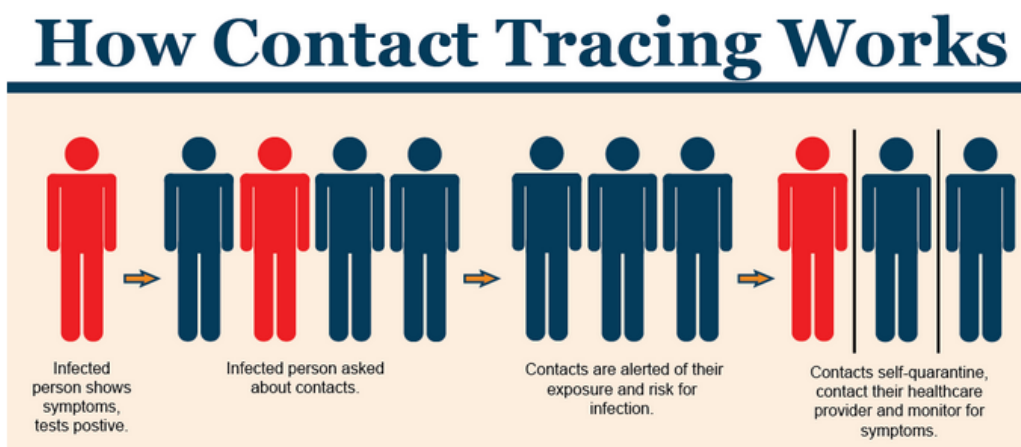
All persons considered to have contact with the infected person is a contact. A close contact is anyone who has been within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes, cumulatively throughout a day.

Contact listing

All persons considered to have contact with the infected person should be listed as contacts. Efforts should be made to identify every listed contact and to inform them of their contact status, what it means, the actions that will follow, and the importance of receiving early care if they develop symptoms. Contacts should also be provided with information about prevention of the disease.

Contact tracing

Contact tracing is the process of quickly identifying, assessing, and managing people who have been exposed to a disease to prevent additional transmission.



Isolation

Separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

Quarantine

Separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

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For more info:

[Wisconsin Department of Health Services](https://www.wisconsin.gov/health-services)
www.cdc.gov/covid19

COVID-19 Quarantine

7 days, 10 days or 14 days

Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

WHO SHOULD QUARANTINE?

Individuals who were close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

HOW LONG IS THE QUARANTINE PERIOD?

There are three quarantine options for close contacts.

A 14-day quarantine is still recommended.

HOWEVER, FOR CLOSE CONTACTS WHO DO NOT DEVELOP SYMPTOMS, QUARANTINE CAN END:

10 days after their last close contact without testing, or

7 days after their last close contact, with a negative test result (PCR or antigen) collected on day 6 or 7.

For shortened quarantine periods, individuals should continue to monitor for symptoms daily through day 14 of quarantine.

VACCINATION & QUARANTINE

If you are fully vaccinated (it has been at least two weeks since you have finished your vaccine series) **and** you do not have any COVID-19 symptoms, you do not have to get tested or quarantine after close contact with a person with COVID-19. If you develop symptoms, begin to quarantine and get tested for COVID-19.

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COVID-19 Isolation

10 days + 24 hours

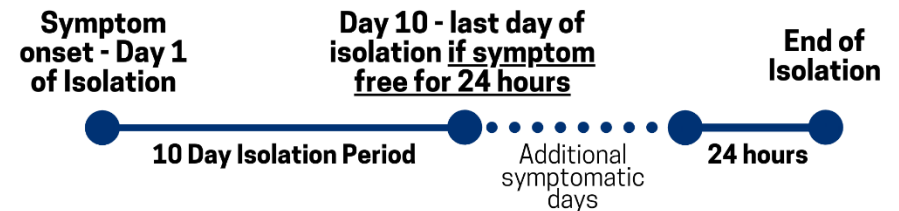
Isolation separates people that are sick with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

WHO SHOULD ISOLATE?

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19.

HOW LONG IS THE ISOLATION PERIOD?

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for a **minimum of 10 days from symptom onset and 24 hours without symptoms**. Individuals in isolation should practice complete separation if they are able.



Some patients may experience symptoms for longer than 10 days.

Complete separation means no contact, no time together in the same room, no sharing of any spaces, such as using the same bathroom.



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