

## 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**

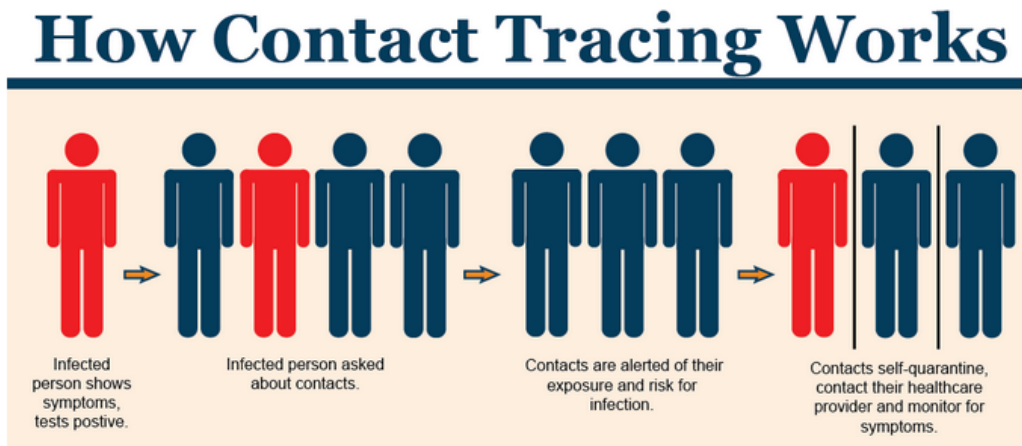
All persons considered to have contact with the infected person is a contact. A close contact is anyone who has been within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes, cumulatively throughout a day.

### **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 their status 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.

For more info:

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

# COVID-19 Quarantine

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 exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

## HOW LONG IS THE QUARANTINE PERIOD?

Individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 should quarantine for a **minimum of 14 days** from date of last contact with positive case.

# 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.

### If you live with someone that has tested positive:

Are you able to have complete separation from the sick person in your home?

No



Released from quarantine 14 days after the sick person is well (done with isolation).

Yes



Released from quarantine 14 days after your last contact with the sick person.

**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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Symptom onset - Day 1 of Isolation

Day 10 - last day of isolation if symptom free for 24 hours

End of Isolation



**Some patients may experience symptoms for longer than 10 days.**

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