Quarantine Guidance for Household and Close Contacts of a Person with COVID-19
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Quarantine is for people who were exposed to someone with COVID-19 but haven’t yet developed any symptoms of COVID-19† themselves. It prevents the spread of COVID-19 by asking people who might be infected to stay away from others until enough time has passed to be sure they don’t have COVID-19.

If you were within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period or had physical contact with a person with COVID-19, regardless of whether masks were worn, you need to stay in quarantine at home for 10 days.

Quarantine means you need to:
- Separate yourself from any person (people) with COVID-19 in your home.
- If possible, get tested for COVID-19 with a PCR or antigen (nose swab or saliva) test at a healthcare facility or other testing site. Call 2-1-1 to find a testing site
  - A negative test might allow you to end quarantine after 7 full days if you have not had any symptoms. See the Home Quarantine Guidance Flow Chart on the back of this page.
- Stay at home for 10 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19, except to get essential medical care, prescriptions, and food. This includes:
  - Not using public transportation, rideshares, or taxis
  - Not going to work, school, or public areas
    - If you work in an essential service and do not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and must go to work during the 10-day quarantine period, you must wear a face mask when you are within 6 feet of other people and self-monitor for any new symptoms.
- Wash your hands and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth AND cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid sharing household items like dishes, cups, eating utensils, and bedding.
- Clean high-touch surfaces (tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, etc.) daily.
- Call ahead before going to any medical appointments and tell your healthcare provider about your close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
- Continue to monitor your temperature & symptoms and wear a mask for 14 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19, regardless of when your quarantine period ends.

If you develop any symptoms consistent with COVID-19† during quarantine, you need to:
- Get tested for COVID-19 with a PCR or antigen (nose swab or saliva) test at a healthcare facility or other testing site. Call 2-1-1 to find a testing site.
- If you have any symptoms, COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test do NOT allow you to end quarantine early.
- Follow the symptomatic portion of the Home Quarantine Guidance Flow Chart (on the back of this page).

If you have had no symptoms consistent with COVID-19† and you have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, you do not need to quarantine. Monitor yourself for symptoms and wear a mask for 14 days after your last exposure. See the Home Quarantine Guidance Flow Chart (on the back of this page) for other exceptions.

*Essential Services are defined by Governor Ducey’s Executive Order 2020-12, see: https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/eo_2021.pdf
†Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and may include:
- Cough
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea or vomiting, diarrhea
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Sore throat, congestion or runny nose
- Fever or chills
- Fatigue (not as sole symptom in school setting)
- New loss of taste or smell.
Check the CDC web site for the latest list of COVID-19 symptoms.