Algorithm: Persons Exposed to COVID in Community Setting or Household
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**Note:** the determination of close contact should be made irrespective of whether the person with COVID-19 or the contact was wearing a mask. Because the general public has not received training on proper selection and use of respiratory PPE, it cannot be certain whether respiratory PPE worn during contact with an individual with COVID-19 infection protected them from exposure. Therefore, as a conservative approach, the determination of close contact should generally be made irrespective of whether the contact was wearing respiratory PPE, which is recommended for health care personnel and other trained users, or a mask recommended for the general public. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html)

**Note:** If infectious person is in the household, then the isolation period for the household contacts is **14 days beyond** the infectious person’s isolation period. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html)

Person exposed to Confirmed COVID CASE or a Symptomatic Case in Household, Intimate Partner, Providing Care in Household, Workplace, or other setting with Close Contact

*Within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more, from 2 days prior to 10 days after symptoms begin or testing is done (for asymptomatic)*


**ASYMPTOMATIC**

- **NO TEST or Negative Test**
  - Isolate 14 days post contact with infectious person. Daily fever/symptom check. Seek medical evaluation if symptoms present.

- **POSITIVE TEST**
  - Isolate for 10 days post test date. Seek medical evaluation if symptoms occur.

- **NEGATIVE**
  - Isolate for 14 days post contact with infectious person. AND: at least 10 days from onset of symptoms, AND: 24 hours after fever resolved without the use of fever reducers and respiratory symptoms have improved significantly.

**SYMPTOMATIC**

- **COVID TEST**
  - Isolate While Pending

- **If symptoms become severe, provide guidance on how to seek medical care without exposing additional people.**

- **NO COVID TEST**

**POSITIVE**

- Treat as Presumptive COVID plus Quarantine of 14 days
  - Isolate for 14 days post contact with infectious person. AND: at least 10 days from onset of symptoms AND: 24 hours after fever resolved without the use of fever reducers and respiratory symptoms have improved significantly.

Please see here for guidance for employers: