Algorithm: Persons Exposed to COVID in Community Setting or Household
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Person exposed to Confirmed COVID CASE or Clinically Compatible Case in Household, Intimate Partner, Providing Care in Household without PPE, or Close Contact

CDC guidance for non-laboratory confirmed disease that is clinically compatible with COVID-19:

- **ASYMPTOMATIC**
  - **NO TEST**
    - Isolate 14 days post contact with infectious person. daily fever/symptom check. Seek medical evaluation if symptoms present
    - NO HO required
  - **COVID TEST**
    - Isolate While Pending
    - NO COVID TEST

- **SYMPTOMATIC**
  - **NEGATIVE**
    - Isolate for 14 days post contact with infectious person. AND;
      - at least 7 days from onset of symptoms, AND;
      - 72 hours after fever resolved without the use of fever reducers and/or respiratory symptoms have improved significantly
    - NO HO required
  - **POSITIVE**
    - Treat as Presumptive COVID
      - Isolate for at least 7 days from onset of symptoms, AND;
      - 72 hours after fever resolved without the use of fever reducers and/or respiratory symptoms have improved significantly
    - YES HO required

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

*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