COVID-19 Response: When to Quarantine
For Business, Education, and Child Care Settings

For non-healthcare, non-residential settings, quarantine is no longer recommended if a potential exposure occurs while both the infectious individual and the close contacts are wearing face coverings consistently and correctly.

- In all scenarios below, an individual is considered a **close contact** when they have been within **6 feet of the COVID-19 positive individual for 15 minutes.**
- Individuals who are a **close contact due to exposure to a household member are required to quarantine for at least 14 days.** Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.
- **Individuals who have COVID-19 must isolate for at least 10 days.** Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their home.
- Acceptable face coverings are described in CDC guidance available at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

Everyone Masked

When a masked individual tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks...

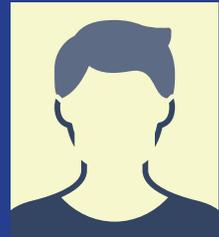**ISOLATE**

COVID Positive

SELF-MONITOR

Close Contacts

Close Contacts Masked

When an unmasked individual tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks...

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COVID Positive

QUARANTINE

Close Contacts

Some Close Contacts Masked

When a masked individual tests positive and SOME close contacts were wearing masks...
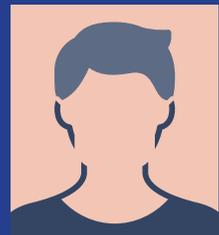
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No One Masked

When an unmasked individual tests positive and close contacts were NOT wearing masks...

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COVID Positive

QUARANTINE

Close Contacts