VIRGINIA WHEN IT IS SAFE TO BE AROUND OTHERS: DEPARTMENT **OF HEALTH** ENDING QUARANTINE AND RETURN TO WORK FOR EXPOSED PERSONS

A potential exposure means having close contact with a person with COVID-19: being within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before the person became sick (or 2 days before specimen collection if asymptomatic) until the person was isolated.

HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS

Self-quarantine (stay home) and monitor for symptoms

while the person is home and for 14 days after the person has been released from isolation (because exposure is considered ongoing within the house)*. Note: This means that the household contacts may need to remain at





*If you are able to have **complete separation** from the person in your house with COVID-19 (this means no contact, no time together in the same room, no sharing of any spaces, such as same bathroom or bedroom), then follow time frame for non-household contact

NON-HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS

Self-quarantine (stay home) and monitor for symptoms until 14 days after the date of last contact with the person infected with COVID-19.



HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL

Asymptomatic healthcare personnel (HCP) with potential exposure to patients, visitors, or other HCP with COVID-19 may be assessed for exposures and advised on work restrictions for 14 days after their last exposure. Exposures include close contact when appropriate PPE is not used, especially for aerosol-generating procedures. If staffing shortages occur, it might not be possible to exclude exposed HCP from work; see CDC strategies to mitigate HCP staffing shortages.



Personnel filling essential critical infrastructure roles (as defined in CISA Framework) should self-quarantine for 14 days after their last exposure, but may continue to work if they do not have any symptoms and additional precautions are taken to protect them and the community. Follow VDH recommendations for critical infrastructure workers (non-healthcare) potentially exposed to COVID-19.

Based on CDC guidance for Community-Related Exposures, Risk Assessment and Work Restrictions for HCP, and Critical Workers Exposed to COVID-19