### **VIRGINIA** DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### WHEN IT IS SAFE TO BE AROUND OTHERS: ENDING QUARANTINE FOR EXPOSED PERSONS

If you had close contact with a person who has COVID-19 while they were contagious\*, watch for symptoms and follow all recommendations (e.g., wear a mask, watch your distance, and wash your hands often) for 14 days after last exposure.

#### **Close contact includes:**

- Being within 6 feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, or
- Having exposure to respiratory secretions (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on; sharing a drinking glass or utensils; kissing) from a person who has COVID-19, or

## **HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS**

VDH recommends that you **quarantine (stay home)** while the infected person is home and for **14 days** after the person has been released from isolation (because exposure is considered ongoing within the house)\*\*.

If you are not able to stay home for 14 additional days and do not have symptoms, you may leave home earlier:

- After 10 days without testing; or
- After 7 days with a negative PCR or antigen test performed on or after Day 5.

# **NON-HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS**

VDH recommends that you **quarantine (stay home)** for **14 days** after the date of last close contact with the person infected with COVID-19.

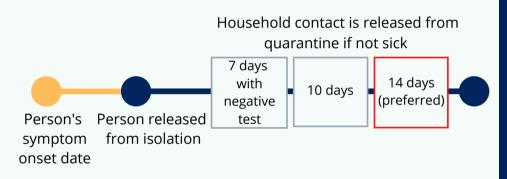


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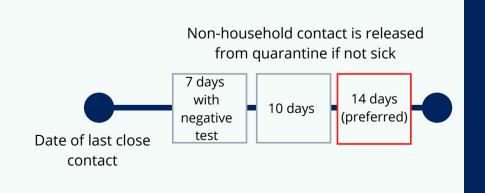
- After 10 days without testing; or
- After 7 days with a negative PCR or antigen test performed on or after Day 5.

- Providing care for a person who has COVID-19, or
- Living with a person who has COVID-19

\*A person with COVID-19 is considered to be contagious starting from 2 days before they became sick (or 2 days before test specimen collection if they never had symptoms) until they meet the criteria to discontinue isolation.



\*\*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 timeframe for non-household contact



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