

Isolation for the General Public³

“Isolation” is for people who have a positive COVID-19 test or who have symptoms and are waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test.

Isolation is the same for everyone, regardless of whether they are unvaccinated, vaccinated, or boosted.

	Symptoms, Waiting for Test Result	No Symptoms, Positive Test	Symptoms , Positive Test	Hospitalized for COVID-19 or Immunocompromised
Duration of Isolation	<p>Until test result is received or 5 days, whichever is first.</p> <p>If test result is negative, isolation can end.</p> <p>If test result is positive, see “Symptoms, Positive Test” column.</p>	<p>5 days (day 0 is the day the test was collected; isolation ends <u>after</u> day 5).</p> <p>10 days if unable to wear a well-fitting mask; except children can attend childcare/early childhood education <u>after</u> day 5.</p> <p>If symptoms develop after testing positive, start 5-day count again with day 0 being the day symptoms started.</p>	<p>Minimum of 5 days (day 0 is the day symptoms start; isolation ends <u>after</u> day 5). <u>and</u> when fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication <u>and</u> symptoms have improved</p> <p>10 days if unable to wear a well-fitting mask; except children can attend childcare/early childhood education <u>after</u> day 5 if they meet symptom criteria above.</p>	<p>10 - 20 days, consult healthcare provider</p>
Antigen Test Timing at the End of Isolation	N/A	<p>Optional. If testing is done, it should be on at least day 5 of isolation.</p> <p>If positive, isolate through day 10. If negative, isolation can end but continue to wear a mask through day 10.</p>	<p>Optional. If testing is done, it should be on at least day 5 of isolation (when fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved).</p> <p>If positive, isolate through day 10. If negative, isolation can end but continue to wear a mask through day 10.</p>	<p>Consult healthcare provider</p>

3. See specific guidance for individuals in congregate settings and for furlough for healthcare workers.