


CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINE IN THE CONTEXT OF OMICRON

The Omicron variant of concern is spreading much faster than other variants. As it may not be possible to identify, trace and quarantine all contacts in places where surges in cases are placing health services under pressure, quarantine time for contacts and contact tracing policies might need adjustment.



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QUARANTINE

7 Days
Provided the contact does not develop any symptoms, quarantine time for contacts can be shortened to:
following exposure, with a negative PCR or Ag-RDT performed in an accredited lab or by a qualified professional at the end of the quarantine period.

10 Days
following exposure if testing is not possible.

If the quarantine period is shortened, individuals are advised to comply with the following for the remainder of the total 14 days:
wear mask, keep physical distance, avoid crowded places, avoid public transport, wash or sanitize hands, carefully self-monitor for symptoms, and seek testing if any arise.

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CONTACT TRACING

Recommended for contacts at highest risk of infection:
health workers, those working in nursing homes, frontline response workers, long-term care facilities and hospitals.

Recommended for contacts at highest risk of severe disease and death:
the elderly, pregnant women, under-vaccinated adults, unvaccinated with no known prior COVID-19 infection, people with comorbidities, the immunosuppressed.

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What if I have already been vaccinated?

- Within 90 days after the primary series or booster vaccination, vaccinated contacts are considered lower priority for contact tracing.
- After 90 days, vaccinated contacts should be considered the same as unvaccinated contacts for contact tracing.



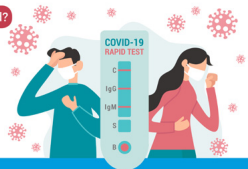
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What if I have already been infected?

After 90 days of infection in a context where Omicron is the dominant variant, contacts should be treated the same as those with no known history of infection for contact tracing, as infection-derived immunity is not expected to persist beyond 90 days.



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