

# COVID-19: Quarantine release times



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**I have had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19**

Quarantine  
release



**14 days**  
after your last contact with the diagnosed

If you are tested during your quarantine and the results are negative, **you still need to complete your full 14-day quarantine** before going back to work or being around others.

You could have been exposed to COVID-19 at some point and not enough time has passed for the test to pick it up.

**You may test positive at a later date.**



If you get sick, please follow the guidance in the [“Next Steps: while you wait for your COVID-19 test results.”](#)