

YOU TAKE A PCR COVID TEST BECAUSE YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS.

Isolate yourself until the results are known.

People in your home (housemates) must quarantine.

**COVID PCR TEST
IS NEGATIVE**

You are out of
isolation and **do not**
need to Quarantine.

Housemates may
come out of quarantine.

**COVID PCR TEST
IS POSITIVE**

You **must isolate** for at least 10 days by
MSDH guidelines. After 10 days from the time
symptoms began (or from the time of test if
you have no symptoms), if your symptoms
have improved and you have had no fever for
more than 24 hours (without medicine to lower
fever), you may come out of isolation.

Your housemates **must quarantine** for 14 days.

If you can isolate from
your housemates, they
may end quarantine
14 days after their last
contact with you – that is,
14 days after your test.

If you continue to have
close contact with your
housemates, their 14-day
quarantine keeps starting
over with each contact.
They must quarantine
the entire time you are in
isolation and then 14 more
days. This is because you
can pass the virus to them
on any day of your illness.

**YOU TAKE A PCR COVID TEST
BECAUSE YOU HAD CLOSE CONTACT
WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID.**

Isolate yourself until the results are known.

People in your home (housemates) must quarantine.

**COVID PCR TEST
IS NEGATIVE**

Come out of isolation, **BUT** you stay in quarantine for a total of 14 days (14 X 24 hours) since your last close contact with the person who has COVID.

Your housemates may come out of quarantine.

**COVID PCR TEST
IS POSITIVE**

You **must isolate** for at least 10 days by MSDH guidelines. After 10 days from the time your test was done, if your symptoms have improved and you have had no fever for at least 24 hours (without medicine to lower fever), you may come out of isolation.

Your housemates **must quarantine** for 14 days from their last close contact with you.

If you can isolate from your housemates, they may end quarantine 14 days after their last contact with you – that is, 14 days after your test.

If you continue to have close contact with your housemates, their 14-day quarantine starts over with each contact. They must quarantine the entire time you are in isolation and then 14 more days. This is because you can pass the virus to them on any day of your illness.

YOU TAKE A PCR COVID TEST AS SURVEILLANCE TESTING.

You may continue to work. Follow the safety standards of your community and your employer.

Housemates may continue to work.

COVID PCR TEST IS NEGATIVE

You and housemates continue to follow the safety standards of your community.

COVID PCR TEST IS POSITIVE

You and housemates **must go home** immediately.

You **must isolate** for at least 10 days by MSDH guidelines. After 10 days from the day of the test, if symptoms have improved and you have had no fever for at least 24 hours (without medicine to lower fever), you may end isolation.

Your housemates **must quarantine** for 14 days from their last close contact with you.

If you can isolate from your housemates, they may end quarantine 14 days after their last contact with you.

If you continue to have close contact with your housemates, their 14-day quarantine starts over with each contact. They **must quarantine** the entire time you are in isolation and then 14 more days. This is because you can pass the virus to them on any day of your illness.

YOU TAKE A RAPID (ANTIGEN) COVID TEST

IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE, BELIEVE IT.

You **isolate** for at least 10 days by MSDH guidelines. After 10 days from the day of the test or from the beginning of symptoms, if symptoms have improved and you have had **no fever for at least 24 hours** (without medicine to lower fever), you may end isolation.

Housemates **must quarantine** for 14 days from their last close contact with you.

If you can isolate from your housemates, they may end their quarantine 14 days after their last contact with you.

If you continue to have close contact with your housemates, their 14-day quarantines start over with each contact. They **must quarantine** the entire time you are in isolation and then 14 more days. This is because you can pass the virus to them on any day of your illness.

IF THE TEST IS NEGATIVE, there is roughly an 80% chance you are really negative. But there is a 20% chance the test is a false negative.

The FDA recommends you now take a PCR COVID test.

If you do not take a PCR COVID test, the safest thing for you and your housemates is to act as if it is a false negative and follow the rules for a positive COVID test, here on the left.

If you take the PCR test because you have symptoms or because you had a close contact with someone with COVID, you **must isolate** and your housemates **must quarantine** while waiting for the test results. If you take the test for surveillance reasons, you and your housemates may continue to work.

If the PCR test is **positive**, follow the rules for a positive COVID test, here on the left.

If the PCR test is **negative**, you may come out of isolation and your housemates may come out of quarantine. But even with a negative PCR test, if you had close contact with someone with COVID, you must quarantine for 14 days from your last close contact.