



Guidance on Quarantine Requirements for Persons Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19 Who Have Been Exposed to Someone with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

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The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance issued on February 10, 2021 regarding quarantine requirements for persons fully vaccinated against COVID-19 who have been exposed to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. This guidance, found in the CDC's [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#), advises that vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure”

The following vaccinated individuals should continue to follow [current quarantine guidance](#) after close contact with suspected or confirmed COVID-19:

- Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria; and
- Inpatients or residents in a health care setting such as hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities. This is because of the unknown vaccine effectiveness, higher risk of severe disease and death, and difficulty in social distancing and other non-pharmaceutical precautions.

All fully vaccinated persons who do not quarantine should also continue to:

- Follow all [recommendations](#) regarding facial covering, social distancing, and other COVID-19 precautions; and
- Watch for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) for 14 days following an exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing, if indicated.