



DIRECTIVE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. 2020-02h

**DIRECTIVE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO REGARDING
COVID-19 ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE**

(PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE)

DATE OF DIRECTIVE: June 6, 2022

Summary: SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease (“COVID-19”), can still be easily transmitted, regardless of vaccination status. This combined directive lists the current isolation rules and quarantine recommendations and requirements in the City and County of San Francisco (the “City”) that apply to all people in the City in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, 120175, 120215, 120220, AND 120225 THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO (“HEALTH OFFICER”) DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions.

- a. *CDC.* “CDC” means the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- b. *CDPH.* “CDPH” means the California Department of Public Health.
- c. *Close Contact.* “Close Contact” means sharing the same indoor airspace with a Person With COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period while the person is contagious. A person is considered contagious if they *either* (i) had symptoms, from 48 hours before their symptoms began until at least five days after the start of symptoms, *or* (ii) did not have symptoms but learned they were COVID-19 positive from a test, from 48 hours before their COVID-19 test was collected until five days after they were tested. (Note that Cal/OSHA may have different rules regarding being a close contact in the workplace, and those rules apply in the workplace setting.)

A health care professional who provides treatment to a Person With COVID-19 is not considered a Close Contact as long as the health care professional was wearing appropriate personal protective equipment during the contact as defined by their institution.

- d. *Isolate and Isolation.* “Isolation” means to avoid all contact with other people, including by trying to limit contact with other members of the same household, for the limited period described in this Directive while a person is a Person with COVID-19. To “isolate” means to be in Isolation.
- e. *Person With COVID-19.* “Person With COVID-19” means a person who tests positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) or has been clinically diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider. A person is no longer considered a Person With



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COVID-19 once all of the following occur: (a) at least one (1) day (24 hours) has passed since their last fever (without use of fever-reducing medications), and (b) there has been improvement of other symptoms, and (c) at least five (5) days have passed since symptoms first appeared. A person who tested positive for COVID-19 but never had symptoms is no longer considered a Person With COVID-19 five (5) days after the date of their first positive test.

- f. *Quarantine*. “Quarantine” means to avoid all contact with other people, including by trying to limit contact with other members of the same household, for the limited period described in this Directive either immediately after being exposed to COVID-19 due to being a Close Contact.
- g. *Up-to-Date on Vaccination*. “Up-to-Date on Vaccination” means (i) two weeks after a person has completed the entire recommended initial series of vaccination (usually one or two doses) with a vaccine authorized to prevent COVID-19 by the FDA, including by way of an emergency use authorization, or by the World Health Organization (WHO) (also defined as being Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series) and (ii) when the person has received their first Booster vaccine dose once a person is eligible for a Booster. Until a person is eligible for a Booster, they are considered Up-to-Date on Vaccination two weeks after completing their full initial series of vaccination.
- h. *Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series*. “Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series” means two weeks after completing the entire recommended initial series of vaccination (usually one or two doses) with a vaccine authorized to prevent COVID-19 by the FDA, including by way of an emergency use authorization, or by the World Health Organization (WHO). For example, as of the date of issuance of this Order, an individual has completed an initial vaccination series at least two weeks after receiving a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) or Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 vaccine or two weeks after receiving the single dose Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. A list of FDA-authorized vaccines is available at www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines. A list of WHO-authorized vaccines is available at <https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/vaccines/covid-19-vaccines>.

Other terms used in this Directive have the same meaning given to them in Health Officer Order No. C19-07, including as that order may be updated in the future.

- 2. General Rules and Recommendations Regarding Isolation and Quarantine. At this point in the pandemic, it is still important that we take steps to protect those around us if we are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 or if we think we might be infected with that virus. CDPH has published recommendations, “Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19 Contact Tracing” (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>). Although the CDPH guidelines are only recommendations, here in the City this Directive makes some of those recommendations a mandated requirement.



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In general, the rule is that anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (through a positive test or medical diagnosis), regardless of vaccination status, **must** isolate using the guidelines listed in the CDPH guidance. Anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms or who is a close contact of someone with COVID-19 is *strongly recommended* to follow the CDPH guidelines, and they **must** isolate if they test positive.

Given that there are a lot of nuances around isolation and quarantine in different settings, this Directive lists the rules and recommendations that apply in specific situations in the City. The table attached to this Directive as **Attachment A** lists the rules or recommendations that apply in each setting. Attachment A is incorporated into this Directive by this reference. If Attachment A is updated in the future, it may be revised and attached to this Directive without any need for further revision or amendment to this Directive. The date at the top of Attachment A lists the date of its revision.

You can find additional guidance on isolation and quarantine at:

sf.gov/information/youve-had-close-contact-or-positive-test (isolation)
sf.gov/quarantining-covid-19 (quarantine)

3. This Directive becomes effective immediately on issuance and will be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer. Also, effective immediately on issuance, this Directive revises and replaces Directive Number 2020-02g, updated April 8, 2022.
4. For purposes of this Directive, any future changes provided online to the CDPH isolation and quarantine guidance documents or any other guidance listed in this Directive are automatically incorporated by this reference.

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Setting*	Situation	Rules or Recommendations
General Public	<p>COVID-19 Infection (positive PCR or antigen test or medical diagnosis)</p>	<p><u>ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <p><u>CDPH isolation recommendations</u> must be followed in the City. Isolation is required regardless of vaccination status or recent infection. Use these rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Stay home for at least 5 days after start of <u>symptoms</u> (or after date of first positive test if no symptoms). 2) Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and a diagnostic specimen (antigen test preferred) collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. 3) If unable to test, choosing not to test, or testing positive on Day 5 (or later), isolation can end after Day 10 if fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. 4) If fever is present, isolation must be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves. 5) If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after Day 10. 6) Per CDPH masking guidance, infected persons should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
	<p>Close Contact without COVID-19 <u>Symptoms</u></p>	<p><u>CDPH quarantine recommendations</u> should be followed in the City. Quarantine is recommended regardless of vaccination status unless the person had a COVID-19 infection in the prior 90 days (unless symptoms develop). Use these recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Test within 3-5 days after last exposure. 2) Per CDPH masking guidance, close contacts should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings and when near those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease. 3) If <u>symptoms</u> develop: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Test and stay home (see next section on symptomatic persons), AND b) If test result is positive, follow isolation requirements above.

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<p>General Public (continued)</p>	<p>COVID-19 Symptoms without Close Contact</p>	<p>CDPH “self-isolation” recommendations should be followed in the City pending a test. “Self-isolation” is regardless of vaccination status or recent infection. Use these recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Self-isolate and test as soon as possible to determine infection status. Knowing one is infected early during self-isolation enables (a) earlier access to treatment options, if indicated (especially for those that may be at risk for severe illness), and (b) notification of exposed persons (close contacts) who may also benefit by knowing if they are infected. For symptomatic persons who have tested positive within the previous 90 days, using an antigen test is preferred. 2) Remain in self-isolation while waiting for testing results. If not tested, continue isolating for 10 days after the day of symptom onset, and if you cannot isolate, you should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days. 3) Consider continuing self-isolation and retesting in 1-2 days if testing negative with an antigen test, particularly if tested during the first 1-2 days of symptoms. 4) Continue to self-isolate if test result is positive, follow isolation requirements above, and contact your healthcare provider about available treatments if symptoms are severe or you are at high risk for serious disease or if you have any questions concerning your care.

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<p>Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)</p>	<p>Close Contact without COVID-19 Symptoms -or- COVID-19 Infection (positive PCR or antigen test or medical diagnosis)</p>	<p><u>Staff:</u> SNF staff are subject to CDPH AFL 21-08 (and any future updates to that AFL) as well as any facility-specific rules.</p> <p>For Close Contact without COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <p>If Up-to-Date on Vaccination (including a Booster once eligible) or after recovery from a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days, there is no work restriction for staff if they have a negative diagnostic test (antigen or nucleic acid) upon identification of the exposure and again at 5-7 days after last exposure.</p> <p>For all others (meaning people who are unvaccinated or Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series but without a Booster once eligible, and both without a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days), staff quarantine is required for at least 7 days, with a negative diagnostic test (antigen or nucleic acid) required upon identification of the exposure and again within 48 hours prior to the return to work. (Refer to the AFL for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p> <p>For COVID-19 Infection:</p> <p>If Up-to-Date on Vaccination (including a Booster once eligible), staff is required to generally follow the isolation requirements above, but isolation can end after 5 days with a negative diagnostic test (antigen preferred) on the same day as return or within 24 hours prior to return to work or can end after 10 days without a test. (Refer to the AFL for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p> <p>For all others (meaning people who are unvaccinated or Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series but without a Booster once eligible), staff is required to generally follow the isolation requirements above, but isolation can end after 7 days with a negative diagnostic test (antigen preferred) on the same day as return or within 24 hours prior to return to work or can end after 10 days without a test. (Refer to the AFL for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p> <p><u>Residents/patients:</u> It is recommended that the facility adhere to CDC Infection Control Guidance and San Francisco DPH Long Term Care Facility Interim Guidance for residents/patients.</p>

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<p>General Acute Care Hospitals</p>	<p>Close Contact without COVID-19 Symptoms -or- COVID-19 Infection (positive PCR or antigen test or medical diagnosis)</p>	<p><u>Staff:</u> SNF staff are subject to CDPH AFL 21-08.8 (and any future updates to that AFL) as well as any facility-specific rules.</p> <p>For Close Contact without COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <p>If Up-to-Date on Vaccination (including a Booster once eligible) or after recovery from a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days, there is no work restriction for staff if they have a negative diagnostic test (antigen or nucleic acid) upon identification of the exposure and again at 5-7 days after last exposure.</p> <p>For all others (meaning people who are unvaccinated or Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series but without a Booster once eligible, and both without a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days), staff quarantine is <i>recommended</i> for at least 7 days, with a negative diagnostic test (antigen or nucleic acid) required upon identification of the exposure and again within 48 hours prior to the return to work. (Refer to the AFL for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p> <p>For COVID-19 Infection:</p> <p>If Up-to-Date on Vaccination (including a Booster once eligible), staff is required to generally follow the isolation requirements above, but isolation can end after 5 days with a negative diagnostic test (antigen preferred) on the same day as return or within 24 hours prior to return to work or can end after 10 days without a test. (Refer to the AFL for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p> <p>For all others (meaning people who are unvaccinated or Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series but without a Booster once eligible), staff is required to generally follow the isolation requirements above, but isolation can end after 7 days with a negative diagnostic test (antigen preferred) on the same day as return or within 24 hours prior to return to work or can end after 10 days without a test. (Refer to the AFL for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p> <p><u>Residents/patients:</u> It is recommended that the facility adhere to CDC Infection Control Guidance for residents/patients.</p>

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<p>Adult and Senior Care Programs (as defined by Community Care Licensing, such as Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs); Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs); Residential Care Facilities – Continuing Care; Social Rehabilitation Facilities; Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill (RCFCIs))</p>	<p>For staff only: Close Contact without COVID-19 Symptoms -or- COVID-19 Infection (positive PCR or antigen test or medical diagnosis)</p>	<p><u>Staff</u>: ASC program staff are subject to CCL PIN 22-09-ASC (and any future updates to that PIN) as well as any facility-specific rules.</p> <p>For Close Contact without COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <p>If Up-to-Date on Vaccination (including a Booster once eligible), there is no work restriction for staff if they have a negative diagnostic test (antigen or nucleic acid) upon identification of the exposure and again at 5-7 days after last exposure.</p> <p>For all others (meaning people who are unvaccinated or Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series but without a Booster once eligible), staff quarantine is required for at least 7 days, with a negative diagnostic test (antigen or nucleic acid) required upon identification of the exposure and again within 48 hours prior to the return to work. (Refer to the PIN for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p> <p>For COVID-19 Infection:</p> <p>If Up-to-Date on Vaccination (including a Booster once eligible), staff is required to generally follow the isolation requirements above, subject to these additional requirements:</p> <p>Isolation can end after 5 days with a negative diagnostic test (antigen preferred) on the same day as return or within 24 hours prior to return to work or can end after 10 days without a test.</p> <p>Isolation must last for 20 days if the staff member had severe symptoms or is immunocompromised, using a test-based strategy (see PIN for details).</p> <p>If unable to test prior to return, then staff may provide direct care only for persons in care with confirmed COVID-19 infection, preferably in a cohort setting.</p> <p>Staff must wear an N95 respirator for source control at all times within the facility and wear a mask in public until the isolation period has been completed.</p> <p>(Refer to the PIN for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p> <p>For all others (meaning people who are unvaccinated or Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series but without a Booster once eligible), staff is required to generally follow the isolation requirements above, subject to these additional requirements:</p>

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Adult and Senior Care Programs (continued)		<p>Isolation can end after 7 days with a negative diagnostic test (antigen preferred) on the same day as return or within 24 hours prior to return to work or can end after 10 days without a test.</p> <p>Isolation must last for 20 days if the staff member had severe symptoms or is immunocompromised, using a test-based strategy (see PIN for details).</p> <p>If unable to test prior to return, then staff may provide direct care only for persons in care with confirmed COVID-19 infection, preferably in a cohort setting.</p> <p>Staff must wear an N95 respirator for source control at all times within the facility and wear a mask in public until the isolation period has been completed.</p> <p>(Refer to the PIN for special rules during critical staffing shortages.)</p>
	In relation to residents only	<p>The rules are complex. Please see the following Community Care Licensing Division PIN for the rules, including Appendix A (isolation) and Appendix B (quarantine): PIN 22-15-ASC - Resident Cohorting, Isolation and Quarantine, Staffing, and Use of Personal Protective Equipment Based on Resident Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Status</p>

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Shelters	Close Contact (Note: if staff/residents have a COVID-19 Infection (positive PCR or antigen test or medical diagnosis), follow the isolation requirements above.)	<p><u>Staff/clients/people experiencing homelessness</u>: If Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series or had a COVID-19 in the prior 90 days, quarantine is not required if no symptoms are present (subject to facility rules).</p> <p>If not Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series or no COVID-19 infection in the prior 90 days, quarantine is <i>recommended</i> following these rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Quarantine for at least 5 days after last exposure. 2) Quarantine can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. 3) If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10. 4) Comply with CDPH masking guidance (i.e., universal masking and, in some cases, where surgical masks or higher filtration respirators may be required). 5) Strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted. 6) If symptoms develop: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) stay home (or isolate) and test as soon as possible; AND b) if test result is positive, follow isolation requirements above.

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<p>Jails/ Correctional Settings</p>	<p>Close Contact (Note: if staff/residents have a COVID-19 Infection (positive PCR or antigen test or medical diagnosis), follow the isolation requirements above.)</p>	<p><u>Staff/residents:</u> If Up-to-Date on Vaccination (including a Booster once eligible) or had a COVID-19 in the prior 90 days, quarantine is not required if no symptoms are present (subject to facility rules).</p> <p>If not Up-to-Date on Vaccination (meaning not Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series or no Booster once eligible) or no COVID-19 infection in the prior 90 days, quarantine is required following these rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Quarantine for at least 5 days after last exposure. 2) Quarantine can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. 3) If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10. 4) Comply with CDPH masking guidance (i.e., universal masking and, in some cases, where surgical masks or higher filtration respirators may be required). 5) Strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted. 6) If symptoms develop: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) stay home (or isolate) and test as soon as possible; AND b) if test result is positive, follow isolation requirements above.

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<p>Other Healthcare Settings (staff only)</p> <p>Other Residential Living Facilities (staff and residents)</p>	<p>Close Contact</p> <p>(Note: if staff/residents have a COVID-19 Infection (positive PCR or antigen test or medical diagnosis), follow the isolation requirements above.)</p>	<p><u>Staff/residents:</u> If Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series or had a COVID-19 in the prior 90 days, quarantine is not required if no symptoms are present (subject to facility rules).</p> <p>If not Vaccinated with a Complete Initial Series or no COVID-19 infection in the prior 90 days, quarantine is <i>recommended</i> following these rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Quarantine for at least 5 days after last exposure. 2) Quarantine can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. 3) If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10. 4) Comply with CDPH masking guidance (i.e., universal masking and, in some cases, where surgical masks or higher filtration respirators may be required). 5) Strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted. 6) If symptoms develop: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) stay home (or isolate) and test as soon as possible; AND b) if test result is positive, follow isolation requirements above.

* Note that in some workplaces, employers are subject to the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) Standard and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.