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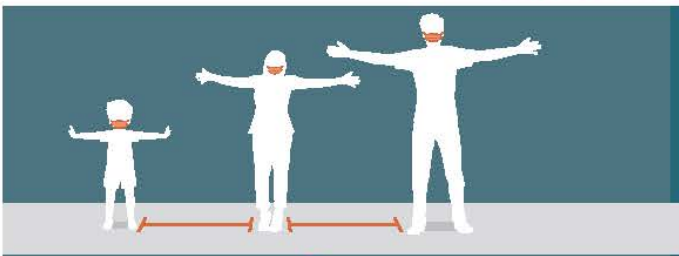
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Has the person been in the presence of someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a **cumulative total of 15 minutes or more** over a 24-hour period?



If the answers to the questions above are **both yes**, the person is a close contact, regardless of whether the person was wearing a mask properly.



If the answer to either of the questions above is no, **the person is not a close contact.**

What should the close contact do?

If they are **not up to date** on vaccines

The close contact needs to [quarantine](#) for at least 5 days from the date of last close contact.

The close contact should wear a [well-fitting mask](#) when around others for 10 days from the date of the last close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If the close contact does not have COVID-19 [symptoms](#), they should watch for [symptoms](#) for 10 days and [get tested](#) at least 5 days after the close contact.

If they test positive, continue to isolate.

If they are **up to date** on vaccines

If they have taken the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters as recommended, they are up to date.

The close contact does not need to [quarantine](#).

The close contact should [get tested](#) at least 5 days after close contact. Watch for [symptoms](#) and wear a [well-fitting mask](#) while around other people for 10 days from the date of last close contact.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops [symptoms](#), they should [isolate](#) and [get tested](#) immediately.

If they test positive, continue to isolate.

If they have had COVID-19 **within the past 90 days, completed isolation, and recovered**

The close contact does not need to [quarantine](#).

The close contact should watch for [symptoms](#) and wear a [well-fitting mask](#) when around others for 10 days.

Close contacts who had a prior infection in the past 90 days and who have [symptoms](#) should [isolate](#) immediately and [get tested](#).

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