You may need to be tested for COVID-19 because:
(1) you have symptoms of COVID-19 illness,
(2) you are a Close Contact to someone who has COVID-19 or
(3) you are in a job or situation where you are recommended or asked to test.

What to do while you’re waiting for test results:
(1) If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, follow the Isolation Steps on the next page.
(2) If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms but are a Close Contact and are:
   (a) unvaccinated* OR vaccinated and booster-eligible* but have not yet received your booster dose, find the quarantine plan that matches your situation in the table below and follow the Quarantine Steps on the next page.
      *Includes persons previously infected with SARS-CoV-2, including within the last 90 days.
   (b) boosted OR vaccinated but not yet booster-eligible, you do not need to follow Isolation or Quarantine Steps while waiting for your test results.
(3) If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms AND are not a Close Contact, you do not need to follow Isolation or Quarantine Steps while waiting for your test results.

What to do after you get your test results:
(1) If you test COVID-19 positive, follow the Isolation Steps on the next page.
(2) Find the quarantine plan that matches your situation in the table below and follow the Quarantine Steps on the next page.

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<th>COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Instructions¹,²</th>
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<th>What to Do</th>
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<td>Persons with COVID-19 symptoms but NO exposure who test negative, regardless of vaccination status.</td>
<td>• If test is negative, end isolation once symptoms start getting better AND you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours.</td>
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<td>Persons who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or whether you have symptoms or not:</td>
<td>• Isolate and stay home and away from others for at least 5 days. • End isolation after Day 5 IF you feel well or are getting better AND a test* collected on Day 5 or later is negative. • Continue to isolate for at least 10 days IF you are unable to test OR your Day 5 test is positive OR you choose not to test. • Whether you test negative or not, if you are not feeling better, continue to isolate until after Day 10 AND until fever-free. • Wear a well-fitting mask around others (even at home) for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.</td>
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<td>Persons who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 who are unvaccinated OR vaccinated and booster-eligible but have not yet received their booster dose:</td>
<td>• Quarantine and stay home for at least 5 days. Count from the day you were last exposed. • Get tested immediately to see if you need to isolate. Get tested again on Day 5². • End quarantine after Day 5 IF you feel well AND a test collected on Day 5 or later is negative. • If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after Day 10. • Wear a well-fitting mask around others (even at home) for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings. • If symptoms develop, get tested right away and stay home while awaiting results. Follow instructions based on results. • If you test positive, follow isolation recommendations above.</td>
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<td>Persons who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 who are boosted OR vaccinated but not yet booster-eligible do NOT** need to quarantine but should still:</td>
<td>• Get tested immediately to see if you need to isolate. Get tested again on Day 5². • Wear a well-fitting mask around others (even at home) for 10 days, especially in indoor settings. • If you test positive, follow isolation recommendations above. • If symptoms develop, get tested right away and stay home while awaiting results. Follow instructions based on results.</td>
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Quarantine for TK-12 Students: Persons who work in or attend school settings should consult CDPH K-12 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance.

* Antigen test preferred.
** Businesses may consider requiring employees who are household contacts to quarantine in accordance with the above recommendation for unvaccinated persons regardless of vaccination status.
¹ Rules for isolation and quarantine may be more restrictive in your area. Check your area’s COVID-19 website. Learn more about quarantine and isolation at CDC’s Quarantine and Isolation and CDPH’s Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine.

¹ The above guidance does NOT apply to those living or working in congregate settings such as jails and shelters, nor to healthcare providers in any kind of healthcare facility. For information on isolation and quarantine guidance for congregate settings, consult AFL-21-08.6. Persons who work in or attend school settings should consult CDPH K-12 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance. Businesses may consider applying the recommendations for unvaccinated individuals to anyone with a household exposure regardless of vaccine status.
² Exposed persons, whether quarantined or not, should consider testing as soon as possible to determine infection status and follow all isolation recommendations above if tested positive. Knowing one is infected early during quarantine 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.
³ In this context, Vaccinated refers to persons who are boosted OR vaccinated but not yet booster-eligible.
⁴ Healthcare workers, patients, and residents in healthcare settings should follow a stricter protocol. Read it at Guidance on Quarantine for Health Personnel.
### Isolation Steps

1. **Isolate** – If you have COVID-19 or you have symptoms and are waiting for COVID-19 test results, you must stay home until you are better and will not make others sick. Watch your symptoms closely and get medical care if you feel worse, especially if you are at a higher risk of serious illness. In addition:
   - Sleep and stay in a separate room
   - Use a separate bathroom if you can
   - Wear a mask, even at home

2. **Follow County guidance** for isolation:
   - A. If you test negative on or after 5 days from the date of your positive COVID-19 test or from the date your symptoms started, you can be with others after:
     - At least 5 days isolating, AND,
     - You are fever-free, AND,
     - Other symptoms are getting better.
   - B. Continue to isolate for at least 10 days if you are unable to test OR your Day 5 test is positive OR you choose not to test.
   - C. If you have a weaker immune system or have another illness, your doctor may tell you to isolate for longer.

3. **Tell Close Contacts** – People who were in close contact with you should follow the Quarantine Steps. Please share this handout with them. To get help to tell your Close Contacts, call 408-970-2870.

### Quarantine Steps

1. **Quarantine** – Stay home and separate yourself from others right away.
   - A. Ask your employer if you need to follow other steps. Employers can contact the Public Health Department for help.
   - B. Follow the instructions that match your situation (see all quarantine instructions on page 7). In general, you do not need to quarantine if you got a booster shot, or recently vaccinated.

2. **Get tested**:
   - A. Do you have ongoing close contact with someone who has COVID-19 (such as someone who lives in your home)?
     - If NO, you should test right away AND on or after Day 5 from your last exposure to the case, even if you got a booster shot, or recently vaccinated.
     - If YES, add 5 more days of quarantine after the person with COVID-19 finishes isolation. Get tested 3 times:
       1) right away AND
       2) 5 days after first exposure to the case AND
       3) 5 days after the case finishes isolation.
   - If all 3 tests are negative, your quarantine can end 5 days after the person with COVID-19 finishes isolation.
   - B. If any test result is positive, follow the Isolation Steps.
   - C. If you start to have COVID-19 symptoms during your quarantine, get tested again right away.

3. **Watch** for COVID-19 symptoms. If you start to feel sick, follow the Isolation Steps and get tested right away.

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### Plan a 5-day isolation (for people who feel well or are getting better and test negative on or after Day 5)

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### Plan a 5-day quarantine (for people who feel well and test negative on or after Day 5)

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*Notes:
- Isolation: Day your symptoms started or day positive COVID-19 test was collected (use earlier day)
- Quarantine: Day of last exposure to person with COVID-19
- Shows the first possible day quarantine can end
- Note: Wear a well-fitting mask around others (even at home) for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.*