# COVID-19

## When Can I Be Around Others?

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<td>You can be around others after - <strong>10 days</strong> have passed since your symptoms first appeared <strong>AND</strong></td>
<td>If you continue to have <strong>no symptoms</strong>, you can be around others after - <strong>10 days</strong> have passed since you were tested</td>
<td>You should quarantine (stay home, monitor for symptoms) for <strong>14 days</strong> AFTER LAST EXPOSURE. This is based on the time it takes to develop illness.</td>
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<td>You have been fever free for at least <strong>24 hours</strong> (without use of fever reducing medication) <strong>AND</strong></td>
<td>If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance for “I know or think I had COVID-19 AND I had symptoms”</td>
<td>Close contact means within 6 feet of the individual for at least 15 minutes.</td>
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| Other symptoms of COVID-19 **are improving** | | However, anyone who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 **and** who:  

  - developed COVID-19 illness within the previous **3 months and**  
  - has recovered **and**  
  - remains without COVID-19 symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath) **does not** need to stay home. |

  *Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*  

  Individuals with severe or critical illness may have an extended isolation period.
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TAKE STEPS TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD

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GET REST & STAY HYDRATED

SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM OTHERS
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