

How COVID-19 vaccinations affect quarantine and isolation



Getting vaccinated will help keep you, your family, and your community healthy and safe.

All COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the FDA are safe and are effective at protecting you from the virus. They keep you from getting sick, needing to be hospitalized, and or dying from COVID-19. Recent studies¹ show the vaccines can prevent transmission of the virus to other people and work against the new variants of the virus identified so far. By getting vaccinated, you're helping to end the damage to our economy, prevent more deaths and illnesses, and stop COVID-19 from continuing to spread. Vaccines are how we get our lives back. [Learn more](#)



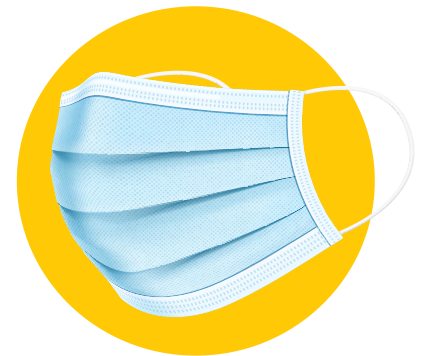
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You are considered fully immune, or protected from the virus, 2 weeks after your final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Two-dose vaccines: 2 weeks after 2nd shot (you need both shots to be fully protected).
One-dose vaccines: 2 weeks after shot (you only need one shot to be fully protected).

This means, 2 weeks after your final shot, you don't have to quarantine, even if you are exposed to someone who tests positive. COVID-19 vaccines are extremely effective at protecting you from the virus. However, there are certain circumstances when you may need to quarantine or isolate, even after you've had the COVID-19 vaccine. You should still wear a face mask and take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 until more people are able to get the vaccine.



¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/fully-vaccinated-people.html>

What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19:

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and:	
Have not been vaccinated yet	Have been partially vaccinated (had only 1 dose of a 2-dose vaccine, like Pfizer or Moderna)
Isolate and get tested right away.	Isolate and get tested right away.

If you are fully vaccinated and have symptoms of COVID-19: (had 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine)	
If it has NOT been 2 weeks since you were vaccinated	If it has been at least 2 weeks since you were vaccinated
Isolate and get tested right away.	Isolate and call your doctor or healthcare provider. It is likely that something other than COVID-19 is causing your symptoms. However, your doctor may want you to get tested for COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines do not interfere with the accuracy of the test.

What to do if you're exposed to someone who tests positive:

If you haven't had your final dose of the vaccine and are exposed to someone who tests positive:	
Have not been vaccinated yet	Have been partially vaccinated (had only 1 dose of a 2-dose vaccine, like Pfizer or Moderna)
Quarantine and get tested for COVID-19.	Quarantine and get tested for COVID-19.

If you've had your final dose of the vaccine and are exposed to someone who tests positive: (had 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine)	
If it has NOT been 2 weeks since you were vaccinated	If it has been at least 2 weeks since you were vaccinated
Quarantine and get tested for COVID-19.	You don't need to quarantine. However, if you get symptoms of COVID-19 after you were exposed (which would be rare), call your doctor or healthcare provider. You may need to get tested for COVID-19.