

Procedures for Positive Test Results or Exposure to COVID-19

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If you get a positive test result or are exposed to COVID-19, please follow the instructions below. TMI will continuously check official guidelines for updates as they happen. Thus, these procedures may change on short notice.

If you test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status

- Stay home for *at least* 5 days
 - **Ending Isolation and Returning to Work:**
 - If you had **no** symptoms:
 - You may end isolation after Day 5.
 - Continue to wear a high-quality mask while at work through Day 10, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If you **had** symptoms and they have resolved or are **improving**:
 - You may end isolation after Day 5 if:
 - You are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).
 - Continue to wear a high-quality mask while at work through Day 10, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If you had **moderate illness** (you experienced shortness of breath or had difficulty breathing):
 - You need to isolate through Day 10.
 - If you had **severe illness** (you were hospitalized) or have a weakened immune system:
 - You need to isolate through Day 10; and
 - Consult your doctor before ending isolation.
- When you have COVID-19, isolation is counted in days, as follows:
 - If you had no symptoms
 - **Day 0 is the day you were tested** (not the day you received your positive test result).
 - **Day 1 is the first full day** following the day you were tested.
 - If you develop symptoms within 10 days of when you were tested, **the clock restarts at Day 0 on the day of symptom onset**.
 - If you had symptoms
 - **Day 0 of isolation is the day of symptom onset**, regardless of when you tested positive.
 - **Day 1 is the first full day** after the day your symptoms started.

If you are exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status

- Begin to wear a high-quality mask as soon as you find out you were exposed, and continue to wear a mask through Day 10.
 - Day 0 is the day of your last exposure to someone with COVID-19.
 - Day 1 is the first full day after your last exposure.
- If you begin to feel symptoms, test immediately, if you test positive, follow the above protocols.