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Quarantine No Longer Required for Fully Vaccinated Persons or Persons who have Recovered from COVID-19 Infection

Person who received the full vaccine series of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine and is (1) exposed to an individual who has tested COVID-19 positive or (2) traveled to a U.S. state other than those contiguous to New York and remains asymptomatic will not have to quarantine under the criteria below.

Additionally, a person who completed 10 days of isolation for a COVID-19 infection and remains asymptomatic will not have to quarantine under the criteria below.

Quarantine Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons:

Fully vaccinated persons exposed to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 **OR** who traveled to a U.S. state other than those contiguous to New York are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
AND
- Within 90 days of the receipt of the last dose in the vaccination series
AND
- Remains asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure or vaccination series completion.

Exceptions to the Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons:

- The above 3 criteria are not met
- International travel including Canada
- Fully-vaccinated hospitalized persons
- Fully-vaccinated residents of healthcare settings

If you fall into one of the above exceptions, you need to quarantine in accordance to previously issued New York State Quarantine Guidance. The last two exceptions are due to the unknown vaccine effectiveness in these specific populations, the higher risk of severe disease and death, and challenges with social/physical distancing in healthcare settings.

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Quarantine Guidance for Persons who Recovered from a COVID-19 Infection:

Persons who recovered from COVID-19 infection and were exposed to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or who traveled to a U.S. state other than those contiguous to New York will not need to quarantine if they meet the criteria below:

- Recovered from COVID-19 illness due to laboratory confirmed (PCR or antigen) COVID-19 infection and already met the criteria to end isolation
AND
- Within the first 90 days following the onset of symptoms of their initial laboratory confirmed COVID-19 infection or within the first 90 days of their first positive COVID-19 test result if they were asymptomatic during initial infection
AND
- Remain asymptomatic since the new exposure

These guidelines may change as new COVID-19 information becomes available. Everyone, including fully vaccinated persons and persons who have recovered from illness, must continue to wear masks, stay home when ill, wash hands frequently and practice social distancing.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Resources

Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

Quarantine Guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Discontinuation of Isolation

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/05/doh_covid19_discontinueisolation_053020-final.pdf

Travel Guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

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