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Oneida County Health Department Will Not Contact All COVID-19 Cases, Asks Residents to Take Responsibility for Household Quarantine and Isolation

Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases as well as in an increased use of at-home tests, the Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) will not be able to contact all people who test positive for COVID-19.

OCHD requests that families with someone who tests positive in the household review the [CDC guidance](#) to determine how long they need to stay home. OCHD has created resources to help households determine when and for how long they may need to stay home. These resources for [isolation \(when you test positive or are sick with COVID-19\)](#) and [quarantine \(when you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19\)](#) are subject to change as more information becomes available.

“While this new guidance from the CDC provides welcome flexibility for many families, it can be hard to interpret because there are so many variables and caveats. While we await more information from the CDC and WI DHS, we are doing our best to share quarantine and isolation guidance. Because of the increase in cases, we are not able to contact everyone in a timely manner and are requesting that residents take responsibility for staying home for the appropriate time period and contacting their close contacts, including schools and employers,” said Linda Conlon, Oneida County Health Officer.

Key points to remember about the new [CDC guidance](#):

- Masking is key to making this revised guidance safe to use. People under the age of 2, people who cannot safely mask, or people who decline to mask should quarantine/isolate for 10 days.
- The guidance allows people who test positive to be released after 5 full days, but it requires them to be fever free and other symptoms should be improving. People who are still not feeling well on day 6 should remain in isolation.
- Quarantine for close contacts starts on the date of last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19. This is considered day 0, and quarantine must continue at least through day 5. Complete separation means using separate bedrooms and bathrooms and not sharing any common living space, like kitchens or living rooms. Masking should also be done, even in shared households.
- Some fully vaccinated people may need to quarantine after close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. If you have been fully vaccinated but are overdue for a booster (more than 6 months after your 2nd Pfizer or Moderna dose or more than 2 months after your

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J&J dose) you will still need to quarantine. This is due to the mounting evidence that a booster is needed to protect against Omicron.

- People who have received their booster dose or are within 6 months of their 2nd dose of Moderna or Pfizer or within 2 months of their J&J first dose do not need to quarantine if they come in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. You should mask around others for 10 days and consider getting tested.

To read the latest information about COVID-19 check the Oneida County Health Department website (oneidacountypublichealth.org) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/](https://www.facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/)), the Department of Health Services (DHS) website (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

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