

How long am I considered immune if I had COVID-19 disease?

Close contacts with evidence of previous infection supported by a positive PCR or antigen test* may be exempt from quarantine after re-exposure as long as they remain asymptomatic. This is to be determined by the local health officer based on a possible 6-month period of presumed immunity.

If an investigation was done documenting the date that symptoms resolved, or the date isolation measures were discontinued for asymptomatic patients, then the 6-month period can start from that end date. If those dates are not available, then the period will start from the date of the positive laboratory test. A serology or antibody test may not be substituted for a laboratory report of a viral diagnostic test.

If the close contact becomes symptomatic, testing via an antigen test is preferred. The sample for the antigen test should be taken within the first 5 to 7 days from symptom onset (depending on the EUA for the test being used).

*Test results **MUST** be provided to be excluded from quarantine

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