

LHD Resource for talking to ASYMPTOMATIC Cases and their Contacts about release from isolation and quarantine

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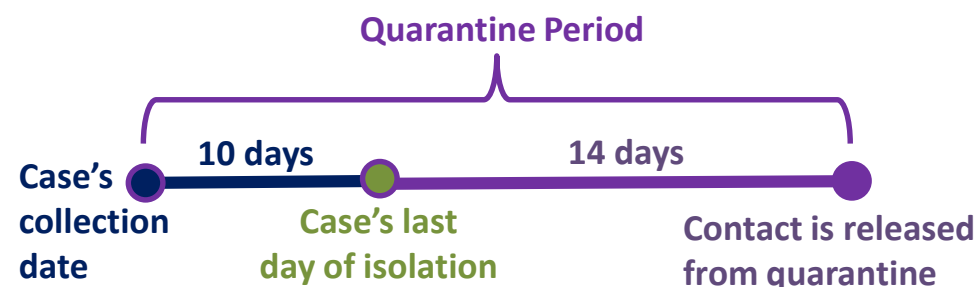
Asymptomatic confirmed cases must observe an **Isolation Period** of at least **10 days** since **collection date**.

Asymptomatic contacts follow the guidance for the minimum 14-day **Quarantine Period**.

Isolation and quarantine guidance is available at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/diagnosed.htm>

HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS of asymptomatic cases

People living in the same home as a confirmed asymptomatic case should immediately follow **quarantine** procedures. The quarantine period is often* >14 days because of continued exposure while case is infectious. Day 0 of the mandated 14-day quarantine would be the **day the case ends their isolation**.



*If household contacts and cases are able to diligently follow [CDC home isolation guidance](#) at all times, then Day 0 would be the last day they had close contact or were in the same indoor living environment. For many household situations it will be impossible or very difficult to fully implement these guidelines at all times, especially if the home has only 1 bathroom, the case is a child, or the home has a single care-giver.

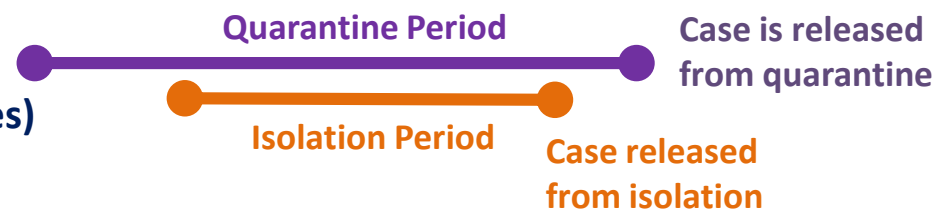
NON-HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS of asymptomatic cases

Close contacts that remain asymptomatic can be released from quarantine 14 days after the last time they were in close contact or shared an indoor living environment with the case.



ANY CONTACT who becomes ill and is not tested during quarantine period (e.g., Probable & Suspect Cases)

Must complete their Isolation Period and Quarantine Period, whichever is the later date. Follow isolation requirements during Isolation Period.



ASYMPTOMATIC CASES (lab-confirmed)

Must be at least **10 days** since their date of specimen collection of the positive lab test.

If an asymptomatic case develops symptoms during their isolation period, they should extend their isolation until at least 10 days after onset and at least 24 hours well (fever-free and improvement of other symptoms).

