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**HEALTH ADVISORY**

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*Please ensure that this information is shared with the appropriate personnel in your facility. Thank you.*

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**The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health (DOH) announced the following updated quarantine guidance for fully vaccinated close contacts of persons with COVID-19 infection:**

Vaccinated individuals with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are **not** required to quarantine if they meet **all** the following criteria: <sup>i</sup>

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine); and
  - Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series; and
  - Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure; and
  - Are not inpatients or residents in a healthcare setting.
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- Fully vaccinated people who do not quarantine should still watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure.
  - If symptoms develop, seek healthcare for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing, if indicated.
  - Continue to follow all travel, masking, and social distancing recommendations.
  - Vaccinated inpatients and residents in a healthcare setting should continue to quarantine following an exposure.

**Guidance for fully vaccinated healthcare personnel:<sup>ii</sup>**

- Fully vaccinated healthcare workers with a higher risk exposure should be excluded from work for 14 days.<sup>iii</sup>
- Under contingency strategies, **asymptomatic** health care workers with a higher risk exposure may return in less than 14 days, prioritizing those who are fully vaccinated over those who have not been.

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<sup>i</sup> Washington State Department of Health. COVID-19 Infection – Case and Contact Investigation.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5100/420-107-Guidance-COVID-19-Case&ContactInvestigation.pdf> <sup>ii</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 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#phrec> <sup>iii</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Work Restrictions for Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to SARS-CoV-2. [Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Work Restrictions for Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to SARS-CoV-2 | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s1119-covid-19-healthcare-personnel.html)

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