

What Happens When Someone is Diagnosed with COVID-19?

When Public Health is notified of a positive COVID-19 test result, several teams move into immediate action.

HERE IS HOW WE KEEP YOU AND OUR COMMUNITY, HEALTHY AND SAFE:

1. When someone is tested for COVID-19 they are advised to stay home and self-isolate while waiting for test results to come.
2. As soon as the lab notifies Public Health of a positive result a set of responses are triggered, as you will see below.
3. A Public Health Staff member calls to share the results and interviews the individual who tested positive.
4. Contact Investigators determine where the person who tested positive has been (locations) and who the individual has been in contact with starting two days prior to when symptoms first started.

At the same time, Public Health staff issue isolation orders (these are legal orders) for the patient and quarantine orders for close contacts (usually members of the household). Orders are enforceable by law for the individual who tested positive and members of the household.
5. Contact Tracers will ask you for some information about yourself, including your address. Note, Public Health will not share any personal information about the person who tested positive.

Contact Tracers will contact businesses and individuals to let them know they have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

People who had close contact will be asked to stay home and monitor their symptoms for 14 days.
6. The person who tested positive is monitored by Public Health staff, who track symptoms and ensure healthcare guidance is followed.

Public Health also works with the person who tested positive and their family/caregivers to ensure that daily needs such as access to food and medication are being met.

ISOLATION = separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

QUARANTINE = separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to make sure they do not spread the disease to others if they do become sick.

CLOSE CONTACT= more than 15 minutes together, less than 6 feet apart, no face coverings for 48 hours prior to when symptoms started or 48 prior to proof of a positive test (if asymptomatic).

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S SAFE TO END ISOLATION ORDERS?

The decision to terminate isolation orders is made between the individual's medical provider and local public health authorities. Generally, the individual must be fever free and other symptoms should be improving for 24 hours and at least 10 days from the beginning of symptoms or the date the test was done. Household members will remain under quarantine for an additional 14 days to see if symptoms appear.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

YOUR ACTIONS CAN SAVE LIVES! WATCH your distance, **WEAR** your mask, **WASH** your hands. These are the best tools we have right now to reduce the spread of the virus.

Visit: <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2954/Waiting-for-Test-Results>, for more information on what to do if you were exposed and/or are waiting for test results and don't know how to protect yourself and loved ones.



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