Instructions for Home Quarantine and Health Monitoring

For close contacts/household members

Even though you may not feel sick, you must remain quarantined at home since you’ve had close contact with someone known to have COVID-19. Quarantine is a way to prevent the spread of the virus to more people. You will need to stay home and monitor yourself for any signs of illness.

During your quarantine period, follow these instructions:

1. Stay in your home and away from other household members.
2. Do not go to work or school.
3. Do not go to the grocery store or run other errands (e.g., going to the pharmacy) unless it is absolutely necessary. Have family members or friends run errands and drop off items at your doorstep.
4. Do not have visitors during the quarantine period.
5. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, especially after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose, going to the bathroom, or having direct contact with moist materials such as tissue and used face coverings. Hand sanitizer with more than 60% alcohol can also be used instead of soap and water.
6. Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you sneeze or cough. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water afterwards.
7. Do not share toothbrushes, food, drinks, or eating utensils.

Monitor your health:

- Monitor yourself for symptoms. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, body aches, fatigue, runny nose or congestion, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- If you start to feel sick, please contact your healthcare provider and let them know you have had contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Seek testing for COVID-19.

When does quarantine end:

- If you do not live with someone who has COVID-19, your quarantine will end after 10 days* from last exposure to the known COVID-19 positive individual.
- If you live with someone who has COVID-19 and can’t stay separated, you will need to be quarantined for 10 days after your household member no longer needs to be isolated.

*Some health care, emergency response, and social services workers may be able to end quarantine after 7 days with a negative test when there are staffing shortages.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call your primary care doctor first. You can also call the Yolo County COVID-19 Response Operations Center Line at: (833) 965-6268 (833-YOLOCOV).