

A GUIDE TO WHEN YOU MUST ISOLATE



It's very important that you stay at home if you have symptoms that may be caused by COVID-19. You should also stay at home if someone you live with has symptoms. The symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

| Situation | Examples | ACTIONS | |
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| | | YOU | YOUR HOUSEHOLD |
| You think you <u>may</u> have coronavirus | You have any symptoms | You take a test You start isolating for 10 days, or until a test comes back negative | Your family starts isolating for 14 days, or until your test comes back negative |
| | You are waiting for a coronavirus test result | After 10 days if you still have a temperature, you must continue to self-isolate | |
| You <u>have</u> coronavirus | You have tested positive | You share your contacts with Track & Trace You complete your 10 day isolation After 10 days if you still have a temperature, you must continue to self-isolate (cough and anosmia may continue for a long time after you are no longer infectious) | Your family completes their 14 day isolation |
| A member of your household <u>may</u> have coronavirus | You live with someone who has symptoms | You isolate for 14 days, or until the person you live with tests negative Count from the first day of their symptoms | The symptomatic family member starts isolating for 10 days (or until a test comes back negative) All other family members start isolating for 14 days (or until the symptomatic family member's test comes back negative) |
| A member of your household <u>has</u> coronavirus | You live with someone who has tested positive | You isolate for 14 days – <i>even if you take a test which is negative</i> Count from the first day of their symptoms | The symptomatic family member isolates for 10 days The other family members isolate for 14 days – <i>even if they test negative</i> |
| You are a 'close contact' of a person who has coronavirus | NHS Test and Trace has told you that you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus | You isolate for 14 days from the date you are contacted If you develop symptoms, book a test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if that proves negative you must still continue to self isolate until the 14 days are up • If test proves positive, start new 10 day isolation | Other members of your family do not need to self isolate (unless you or they develop symptoms) |

If you test positive for COVID-19, you must engage with NHS Test and Trace

www.nhs.co.uk/coronavirus

or call 119

