



Community Update – February 15, 2022

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Requirements updated for isolation due to COVID-19

The Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) has updated isolation requirements for people with COVID-19 and their contacts. The update aligns isolation requirements for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people who have COVID-19, and their contacts. The new isolation [Public Health Order](#) is in effect as of 5 pm February 14, 2021.

Close contacts (non-household)- people named as contacts who do not share a living space with the person with COVID-19:

- Close contacts (non-household) are no longer required to isolate but must self-monitor for symptoms, physically distance, and wear a mask wherever possible in all settings for 10 full days from the time they are identified as a contact.
- The requirements are same for vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals. Anyone who develops symptoms must isolate.

Household contacts and people with COVID-19:

- **Must isolate** for seven full days and wear a mask, wherever possible, in all settings for an additional three days. **Both are now required to isolate for the same duration of time.**
- Isolation starts on the date and time that at least one household member tested positive for COVID-19 or becomes symptomatic.

Vaccination remains a vital tool in preventing serious outcomes from COVID-19 and remains the most important safety net we have to protect vulnerable populations at higher risk of severe illness and the health care system.

Anyone who experiences symptoms of covid-19, whether they have recently travelled or not, should self-isolate and arrange for testing.