

COVID-19 [Outbreak Response Method](#) in Long-term Care Facilities (LTCFs)

Scenario	Work Exclusion or Quarantine Recommendations	Testing Recommendations	Recommendations for Exposed Contacts
Identification of healthcare personnel (HCP) with a positive test for SARS-CoV-2 - fully vaccinated	Exclude from work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If able to identify close contacts[†]: test all close contacts immediately (but not sooner than 2 days after exposure) and if negative, again 5-7 days after exposure*. - If unable to identify close contacts[†]: broad-based testing approach (unit-wide or facility-wide). Test immediately (but not sooner than 2 days after exposure, if known) and if negative, again 5-7 days after*. - If no new cases are identified: ongoing testing is not required beyond the initial series of 2 viral tests. - If new cases are identified: continue testing every 3-7 days until 14 days with no new cases!. 	Unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19, OR are diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 infection, exposed and fully vaccinated HCP can continue to work [^] but should wear source control for 14 days
Identification of healthcare personnel (HCP) with a positive test for SARS-CoV-2 - unvaccinated	Exclude from work		Exposed and unvaccinated HCP should be excluded from work
Identification of a resident with a positive test for SARS-CoV-2 - fully vaccinated	Move to COVID-19 unit		Unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19, OR are diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 infection, exposed and fully vaccinated LTCF residents do not have to quarantine [^] but should wear source control for 14 days
Identification of a resident with a positive test for SARS-CoV-2 - unvaccinated	Move to COVID-19 unit		Exposed and unvaccinated LTCF residents should quarantine for 14 days

[†][Close contacts](#) include any residents or staff who were within 6 feet of the positive individual for a total of at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period. People with COVID-19 can pass the COVID-19 virus to their close contacts starting from 2 days before they become sick (or 2 days before they test positive if they never had symptoms) until it is [safe to be around other people \(stop isolation\)](#).

* Generally testing and quarantine are not recommended for LTCF residents with SARS-CoV-2 infection in the prior 90 days if they remain asymptomatic. Exceptions may apply if moderately to severely immunocompromised OR the initial diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection might have been based on a false positive test result, OR during ongoing transmission within a facility that is not controlled with the initial interventions OR the facility is directed to do so by the jurisdiction's public health authority.

! In addition to [room restriction](#) and full PPE use for care of unvaccinated LTCF residents

[^]Exception applicable to fully vaccinated HCP/LTCF residents:

- 1- Who are moderately to severely immunocompromised OR
- 2- When directed by public health authorities (e.g., during an outbreak where SARS-CoV-2 infections are identified among fully vaccinated HCP/resident) OR
- 3- In the event of ongoing transmission within a facility that is not controlled with initial interventions, strong consideration should be given to use of work restriction of fully vaccinated HCP with higher-risk exposures and quarantine of fully vaccinated residents with prolonged close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection.