

- **When can a staff person or congregant return to WUS if they have tested positive for Covid 19?**

- **If you had symptoms, you can be around others after:**
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
 - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving*

**Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*

- **If you tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms, you can be around others when:**
 - If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after 10 days have passed since you had a positive viral test for COVID-19 (based on the date you were tested).
 - If you develop symptoms after testing positive, your 10-day isolation period must start over. Day 1 is your first day of symptoms. Follow the guidance above for “I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms.”

Note that these recommendations **do not** apply to people with severe COVID-19 or with weakened immune systems (immunocompromised). Follow medical guidance.

- **What to do if you are identified as a Close Contact of someone testing positive for Covid:**

[Close contact](#) is defined as being within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with someone who has COVID-19. The CDC does not specify if this applies regardless of both parties wearing a mask. WUS will assume close contact regardless of masks being worn.

The timeframe when a positive case was likely infectious and not under isolation is the time period for which possible close contacts should be elicited.

- People identified as a close contact should refrain from attending in-person church activities and get tested immediately after being identified as a close contact. If the test is negative, they should continue to quarantine from church and get tested again 5–7 days after the last exposure as a close contact. If [symptoms](#) develop during quarantine, they should get tested immediately and continue to [isolate](#) for a minimum of 10 days. Isolation should continue until individual is free of fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medications and symptoms are improving. The PPTF encourages also having 2 consecutive antigen tests that are negative.
- A person identified as a close contact who has [had COVID-19 within the past 90 days and recovered](#) should wear a mask indoors (in public) for 14 days after exposure as a close contact to someone who has tested positive. They should monitor for [symptoms](#), and consult with a healthcare professional for testing recommendations if they develop new symptoms.