RELEASING CASES AND CONTACTS FROM ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

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CASES

Must be isolated for a minimum of 14 days after onset and can be released after afebrile and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 72 hours.

Note: Lingering cough should not prevent a case from being released from isolation.

Examples:
• A case that is well on day 3 and afebrile and feeling well for 72 hours must remain isolated until day 14.
• A case that is well on day 11 and afebrile and feeling well for 72 hours can be released on day 14.
• A case that is still symptomatic on day 14, and symptoms last until day 17, cannot be released until day 20.

HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS

Must be quarantined for 14 days after the case has been afebrile and feeling well (because exposure is considered ongoing within the house).

If a household contact develops symptoms, they should be tested.

This means that household contacts may need to remain at home longer than the initial case.

Examples:
• A case is well 3 days after onset. The household contact must remain quarantined until day 17.
• A case is well 7 days after onset. The household contact can be released on day 21.
• A case is well 14 days after onset. The household contact can be released on day 28.

NON-HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS

Must be quarantined for 14 days from the date of last contact with the case.