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Rescission of Mass Quarantine Order of the Yolo County Public Health Officer

The Mass Quarantine Order of the Yolo County Public Health Officer (Quarantine Order), issued on July 24, 2020 and most recently amended on January 10, 2022, is hereby rescinded.

Quarantine refers to restricting the movement of individuals who have been in close contact with someone who tested positive but have not themselves tested positive. Requirements for isolation of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 remain in effect, as detailed in the Mass Isolation Order of the Yolo County Public Health Officer, available at:

<https://www.yolocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/72129/637774939864170000>.

Persons in Yolo County are advised to follow quarantine instructions provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). These instructions include, but are not limited to:

- Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public, available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>.
- All Facilities Letter (AFL) 21-08, for workers in certain health care facilities, available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-08.aspx>.
- COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year, available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>.
- Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs, available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Child-Care-Guidance.aspx>.

In addition, employers and workers in Yolo County are advised to follow quarantine requirements outlined by Cal/OSHA, including the COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards, available at: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/ETS.html>.

The January 10 amended Quarantine Order aligned local quarantine requirements with quarantine instructions issued by CDPH. A key CDPH document was revised on April 6, 2022 to no longer recommend that members of the general public quarantine after an exposure if they have no symptoms; members of the general public are encouraged to monitor for symptoms after coming into close contact with persons infected with COVID-19, and to seek testing. CDPH child care and K-12 schools guidance documents were also recently updated to no longer require children without COVID-19 symptoms to quarantine after an exposure. CDPH quarantine instructions continue to recommend quarantine for employee and resident close contacts in certain high-risk settings where transmission risk is high and the populations served are at increased risk of severe COVID-19 disease. These settings include homeless

and emergency shelters, healthcare settings, correctional facilities, and long-term care facilities.

The local Quarantine Order is being rescinded in order to reduce confusion created by having different guidance at the local and State levels, as well as in recognition of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. As the incubation period of circulating variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus has grown shorter (now averaging 2-3 days), quarantine has become less useful because many exposed persons are not notified regarding an exposure until their incubation period is already over. Additionally, transmission levels have decreased, effective vaccines and treatments are readily available, and immunity from prior infection and/or vaccination are high. As a result, it is reasonable to transition away from restrictive quarantine measures at this time, except in high-risk settings.



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