



LONG TERM CARE FACILITY COVID 19 INVESTIGATION PLAN

Instructions for long term care facilities who choose to proactively report and complete workbooks prior to DOH outreach. This plan is optional, however was designed to help reduce the burden of multiple phone calls from case investigators.

Long Term Care Facility

- Proactively complete workbooks for ALL positive COVID-19 facility cases (staff and residents) prior to DOH outreach and email DOHCOVIDLTC@state.sd.us
 - Record positive case history of illness on sheet 1 and close contact information on sheet 2
 - Nursing homes report close contacts who are non-staff and non-residents. (i.e. if patient had a visitor, etc.)
 - Assisted living facilities report all close contacts, including staff, residents, and visitors
 - If no close contacts are identified, indicate in email that no contacts were identified
- If questions, DOH-POC can be reached at (605) 280-0801. Voicemail is confidential and detailed messages are encouraged



DOH Point of Contacts

- Confirm receipt of email from facility POC
- Review workbook and verify fields are complete
- After workbook review, only contact facility POC to go through case and/or close contact history of illness/ exposure if:
 - More information is needed to complete Maven fields
 - Additional information is requested from Epidemiology Surveillance Desk
- Save completed workbook, containing ≥ 5 close contacts, to SharePoint for Maven upload
 - If workbook contains < 5 close contacts, manually enter close contact information into Maven



Release from Isolation

- DOH-POC will contact facility-POC to evaluate positive cases for release of isolation

RELEASE FROM ISOLATION CRITERIA:

SYMPTOMATIC

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared*, AND
- At least 1 day has passed since recovery of fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, AND
- Symptom improvement (may continue to have loss of taste and smell), OR
- 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared regardless of symptoms

* Identify 10-day minimum isolation period by counting onset date as day zero

ASYMPTOMATIC

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of first positive COVID-19 test* AND
- Remains asymptomatic (**not ill**)

* Identify 10-day minimum isolation period by counting test (specimen collection) date as day zero



Close Contact Definition and Quarantine Criteria

DEFINITION:

A close contact is a person who has been within 6 feet of someone infected with COVID-19, for 15 minutes or more in one day OR provided direct care without using proper PPE

QUARANTINE CRITERIA:

Asymptomatic close contacts should quarantine for a minimum of 14-days after their last exposure (or last time around a positive person). They can resume normal activities on day 15 if they have not developed symptoms. If they develop symptoms refer to isolation criteria.

DOH does not follow-up to release close contacts from quarantine.