

Who is required to go into isolation?

The goal of isolation is to reduce infection and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Israel. Isolation means avoiding contact with other people, including household members for the period specified in the Ministry of Health Director General Order.

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Isolation for asymptomatic contacts with a confirmed COVID-19 case



People who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case (whether they are aware of it, or have received a notification from contact tracing) at the time that the confirmed patient might have been contagious, must go into isolation.

Close contact

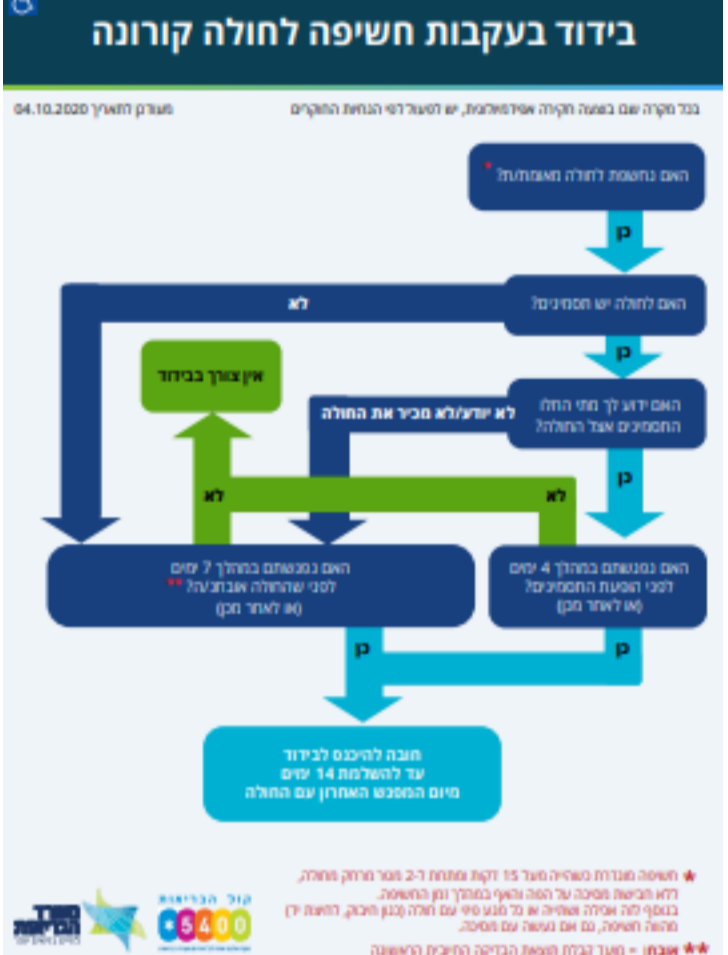
Close contact is defined as follows:

- A **distance** of less than 2 meters from a confirmed COVID-19 case for at least 15 minutes
- If the identity of the confirmed COVID-19 case is unknown and suspicion of contact is raised on the basis of just **sharing a space**– one had to be in that space for at least 15 minutes
- Working** next to a confirmed COVID-19 case or staying with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the same classroom
- Traveling** with a confirmed COVID-19 case by any means of transport
- Household members** – living with a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- Physical contact**, such as kissing, hugging, or shaking hands with a confirmed COVID-19 case, regardless of length of shared time spent

It is important to know that a confirmed COVID-19 case may seem healthy and without any symptoms, but nonetheless might be contagious.

There is no need for an explicit instruction from the Ministry of Health. A person must go into isolation if they know they have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient:

- Household members** (people who live together in the same place) are close contacts of each other, so if one household member receives a positive test result, all household members must isolate immediately, even before contact tracing or receiving instructions from a doctor. People who have been completely isolated from other household members and have not had close or daily contact with them are exempt of isolation (for example – a soldier in secured base who has not been home during the contagious duration) – only in this case, there is no need to go into isolation.
- People who are not household members**
 - Contact with a **symptomatic** confirmed COVID-19 case:
 - If you **know** when symptoms started: if close contact occurs within 4 days before symptoms displayed.
 - If you **do not know** when symptoms started: if close contact occurs within 7 days before receiving the positive test result.
 - Contact with an **asymptomatic** confirmed COVID-19 case – close contact within 7 days before receiving a positive test result.



Isolation following exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case – a flowchart

If you receive a text message (SMS) or voice mail from the Ministry of Health, you are required to go into isolation upon receiving such a message, even if none of the close contact clauses above applies to you. You can authenticate the text (SMS) or voice mail by calling 08-6822334 to verify the Ministry of Health sent it to you.

Duration of isolation

People who have had contact with a confirmed case are required to complete 13 full days in isolation + the hours remaining until 24:00 on the 14th day after the time of the last contact with the confirmed case. [Information about the option to shorten the duration of isolation](#)

Onset of symptoms

If you have symptoms related to COVID-19 within 14 days following contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, even if both of you had protection, and even if both of you were not required to isolate or you have already completed a shorter isolation duration or for any other reason, you must go into isolation and get tested for COVID-19.

There is no need to go to the HMO clinic or the emergency room at the hospital, unless it is a medical emergency. In case of an emergency, call your HMO clinic or the hospital ahead and mention that a potential COVID-19 case is about to arrive.

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Reporting

People in isolation are required to report their isolation address to the Ministry of Health. Parents are required to report each child who is in isolation. [Reporting isolation address for people who have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case](#)

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