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MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert**

MESSAGE ID: MSHAN-20210215-00499-ALT (Health Alert)
RECIPIENTS: All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and
Healthcare Providers – Statewide
Monday, February 15, 2021
SUBJECT: Updated COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance for Fully
Vaccinated Individuals

Dear colleagues,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided new recommendations regarding quarantine after exposure for fully vaccinated individuals. The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is in the process of updating all relevant guidance to reflect the new recommendations. Please see [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#) for full recommendations.

Updated Guidance

Fully vaccinated individuals with an exposure to a person with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet all the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated at the time of exposure (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).
- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series at the time of exposure (for currently available vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna, this would be 3 months after the 2nd dose)
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure. (If the vaccinated individual develops symptoms, they should immediately isolate and contact their healthcare provider for evaluation to determine if COVID-19 testing is indicated.)

*Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 (the recommended quarantine is 14 days but can also be the 7- or 10-day alternative options. See https://www.msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/9914.pdf for quarantine guidance)

Additional Considerations

Vaccinated individuals who meet the all 3 criteria above and do not quarantine should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following their exposure. If they do develop symptoms, they should isolate and contact their healthcare provider for evaluation and COVID-19 testing if indicated.



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Inpatients and residents in healthcare settings should continue to quarantine following exposure to COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status due to higher risk of severe disease and death as well as challenges with social distancing in healthcare settings.

CDC and MSDH continue to recommend that all individuals, including those who have received vaccine, follow all public health guidelines to limit transmission of COVID-19, including wearing a mask, social distancing, and avoiding crowds.

Regards,

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program: MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)
Message Identifier: MSHAN-20210215-00499-ALT
Program (HAN) Type: Health Alert
Status (Type): Actual ()
Message Type: Alert
Reference: MSHAN-00499
Severity: Unknown
Acknowledgement: No
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Expiration: Undetermined
Urgency: Undetermined
Delivery Time: 600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

Actual:	Communication or alert refers to a live event
Exercise:	Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
Test:	Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded



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Message Type:

Alert: Indicates an original Alert
Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe: Significant threat to life or property
Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).