Isolation at home
(CoVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2)

Instructions for a person with a positive CoVID-19 test
You got tested and the result is positive: you have a confirmed CoVID-19 infection. Your general health status is good. You have to be isolated at home to limit the spread of the virus and to protect your family/friends.

The persons who live at your home and your intimate relationships are subject to a 10 days quarantine and to follow specific instructions (check leaflet Quarantine) unless they’re vaccinated or have recovered from CoVID-19. Please inform the ones who had unprotected close contact with you to limit contact, to choose teleworking when possible, and go for a test if they develop symptoms.

You are kindly requested to answer the calls of the Cantonal Doctor Office and to respect the instructions below. The police could proceed to controls.

**Inform your doctor**

In some cases, you may be offered treatment with monoclonal antibodies.

**Monitor your health state**

- If your symptoms get worse or if you notice signs such as: persistent fever, persistent asthenia, shortness of breath, high pressure or chess pain, confusional state, bluish discoloration of lips or face, **contact your doctor or the on-call doctor hotline 0848 133 133 and follow the instructions.**
  - If a medical consultation is necessary and scheduled, go to the appointment wearing a hygiene mask when you leave home and use a private car preferably.

**If you live alone**

- Get your food and essential goods (medicines, hygiene masks) delivered by the family/friends/delivery services.
- Visitors are prohibited. Avoid any physical contact with people and pets.

**If you live with other persons**

- Install yourself in a room alone, doors closed, and take your meal inside.
- Ventilate regularly your room.
- **Visitors are prohibited.** Avoid any physical contact with people and pets.
- Leave your room only if necessary and wear a mask.
- Keep a **minimum distance of 1,5 meter** from other persons.
- Use a private bathroom. If it is not possible, clean the shared sanitary facilities (shower, toilettes, sink), handles and switches if manual contact, with a detergent product after each use and once a day with an ordinary disinfectant (bleach).
- Do not share your dishes/glasses/cutlery with others. Use the dishwasher or wash them with a dishwashing liquid and water.
- Do your laundry regularly (clothes/bath/bed linen) in the washing machine.
- When someone needs to enter your room. You both have to wear a mask.
**Recommendation for parents**

If your child is isolated and is not autonomous (generally < 12 years-old), one person among relatives has to be in charge by respecting rigorously the hygiene measures and wearing a mask. This person has to be in quarantine at home and this measure will be lifted at the end of the child’s isolation period.

**Hand-wash**

- Wash your hands with water and soap for at least 20 seconds. If you don’t have a sink in your room, you can clean your hands with a sanitizer: rub the liquid in your hands on any surface until they dried.
- Before and after cooking, before and after eating, after going to the toilets.
- Whenever your hands are visually dirty (with water and soap preferably).

**When you cough and sneeze**

- Cover your mouth and your nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- The tissues must be thrown away after use in a dedicated trash bin in your room.

**Wear a mask when**

- you need to leave your room.
- you are in the presence of other persons, or when someone enters your room.
- you go to a medical appointment.

**Correct use of hygiene mask**

- Hygiene masks are available for sale in drugstores and general stores. Ask your family/friends/a delivery service to drop them at your door.
- Wash your hands with water and soap or disinfect them: prior to take a mask, before and after any manipulation, after the removal.
- Attach carefully the hygiene mask to cover your nose and mouth, mold the metal edge on your nose, then adjust it to your chin.
- When you wear it, do not touch it.
- If the mask is wet or soiled by secretions, replace it immediately by a new one.

**Take all necessary measures**

- Waste contaminated with body fluids must be thrown away in a dedicated trash bin in your room before tossing them in the garbage with your other household waste.
- Clean and disinfect every day the contact surfaces such as doors’ handles, bed table, electric switches, and other furniture in the room, with a household ordinary disinfectant.
Social contact during the isolation

- Keep in touch with your family and friends by phone or by internet video call. Share your experience, thoughts, and feelings with their support.
- If you suffer from this situation, you can call anonymously the association « La Main Tendue » (The Helping Hand) at number 143, 24/24h.
- For psychological support: www.santepsy.ch

Duration and lifting measures

- The duration is minimum 10 days from the first symptom and minimum 48 hours after the end of symptoms.
- At the end of the planned isolation period, you will be contacted by the Cantonal Doctor’s Office to inform you:
  - the lifting of measures if you don’t have symptoms anymore, then you can go back to your usual life.
  - or the prolongation of the isolation if you still have symptoms.
- If you still have symptoms after 14 days, contact your doctor or the on-call doctor hotline 0848 133 133.
- If you had a loss of taste or smell, the recovery can take a longer time. If they are the only remaining symptoms, the measures can be lifted anyway.
- At the isolation lifting, keep following the hygiene behavior recommendations of OFSP « Here’s how we protect ourselves »: www.ofsp-coronavirus.ch
- For 28 days after isolation, avoid PCR testing and use a rapid antigen test if you are travelling.

If you have questions

About your health (7/7 - 24/24h)
0848 133 133

About your isolation (7/7, 9h to 19h)
or about the lifting of measures (7/7, 9h to 17h)
058 611 11 70

More information: www.vd.ch/coronavirus

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