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**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
 Directors of Health Protection  
 Communicable Disease Environmental Health Officers  
 Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators  
 Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re:** **Revisions to the Interim Guidance: Public Health Management of cases and contacts associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community**

**Please replace the following section from the Communicable Disease Control Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Interim Guidelines (September 25, 2020) with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Interim Guidelines (June 10, 2021)**

**The main changes are:**

- 1) The contact management for those with prior immunization is changed, as per the table below and pages 22. The management of contacts with a prior recent infection is not changed, but as they are managed the same as those with two doses of vaccine, they are now included in that section, and the section specific to prior infection is removed.

Table 3: Quarantine recommendation for high risk exposures/ close contacts with a recent prior infection or immunization

	Partially immunized <sup>1</sup>	Fully immunized <sup>2</sup> OR With a recent prior infection <sup>3</sup>
<b>Household-like contacts</b> (see details above)	Self-isolate/quarantine	<b>Self-monitor</b>
<b>Other close/high-risk contacts</b>	<b>Self-monitor</b>	<b>Self-monitor</b>

- 1. An exposure in a partially immunized individual is defined as an exposure occurring more than 21 days after receiving a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 2. An exposure in a fully immunized individual is defined as an exposure occurring more than 7 days after receiving a second dose of vaccine.

3. An exposure in someone with a recent prior infection is defined as occurring less than 91 days since recovery from that prior infection.
- 2) The description of household-like contact in the high risk exposures group has been adjusted, on page 21, and is now:

Anyone who is a household-like contact, such as

- Anyone who lived with a case before the case started isolation, or if the case is unable to isolate adequately in the household setting anyone who lives with the case during his or her isolation period; or
- Anyone who has **direct** physical contact with a case, including the case's caregiver, an intimate partner or a child receiving care from the case even if not residing in the same household as the case.
- Others, as determined by the MHO.

<b>CHANGES MADE IN VERSION OF JUNE 9, 2021</b>	
<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>EPIDEMIOLOGY</b>	<p>Same definition for children and adults, removal of the different criteria for children; p. 10</p> <p>Addition of advanced age, and end-stage renal disease in mildly immune compromised; p. 10</p>
<b>CONTACT IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT</b>	<p>Information supporting the change in contact management added; p. 20</p> <p>Changes to the household contact to household-like contact, now also including what was before in direct physical contact, and re-affirming what is said at the beginning of the section that risk categories and management are at the discretion of the MHO; p. 21</p> <p>Addition of Table 3 for those with immunization, adding the recent prior infection, as managed the same as those fully immunized; p.22</p> <p>Removal of the separate description of the management of those with a recent prior infection; p.24</p>

**Appendix 7:  
Contact tracing  
strategies and  
considerations**

Addition of a summary of evidence of decreased infection and transmission after COVID-19 vaccination; p.34

These guidelines are posted at: [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Interim Guidelines](#)

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