

COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A January 14th, 2022

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January 14, 2022 2:30 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To join the webinar via the phone, please call in using:

+1-415-655-0002 Access code: 185 207 6880

(If you need to call in toll-free, call 1-855-797-9485)

January 14, 2022 2:39 PM from Brian Postlewait to everyone: What staffing challenges did you run into with staffing the Isolation center? Medical staff / staffing shortages / etc.

January 14, 2022 2:46 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: Does HUD have any insight into how emergency shelters can access the free home tests that households will be eligible for beginning January 15th for the households staying in their shelter?

January 14, 2022 2:46 PM from Sarah Johnson to everyone: What legal liability might come into play in an isolation shelter? What liability insurance would be needed? Would offering shelter for COVID Positive persons come with a duty monitor medical well being and provide emergency intervention if someone's illness quickly became critical? Would security be needed and if so what role would that be — such as keeping residents in their assigned rooms? These are things we are grappling with as we explore starting an isolation site.

January 14, 2022 2:48 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: Terra & Stacy - have you all identified when this new isolation strategy may no longer be needed? Assuming this was developed in response to the current crisis situation, have you and the health department discussed what metrics might indicate it's ok to shift back to 10 day isolation?

January 14, 2022 2:49 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: If shelters need testing resources, consider Operation Expanded Testing, led by US Health and Human Services and US Dept of Defense: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/operation-expanded-testing.html>

January 14, 2022 2:51 PM from Steve Skovensky to everyone: Is there data to suggest that with Omicron someone may test negative after an initial positive test? My understanding has been that once someone tests positive they may test positive for up to 90 days--just wondering about this in

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terms of your flow chart stemming from a positive test at Day 0. Thanks so much for all your great work in Detroit

January 14, 2022 2:54 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Thank you
Terra and Stacy/city of Detroit!

January 14, 2022 2:55 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC COVID
Data Tracker: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailycases

January 14, 2022 2:57 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC COVID
Data Tracker (daily deaths): https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailydeaths

January 14, 2022 2:58 PM from Terra Linzner to everyone: @Steve, we do
recognize that folks may continue to test positive for up to 90 days. For those folks they would isolate
for the 10 full days. However, we do want those that test negative to exit out of shelter by day 5 or 7, if
possible.

January 14, 2022 2:58 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC COVID
Data Tracker (by variant): <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>

January 14, 2022 2:59 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC Quarantine
and Isolation Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

January 14, 2022 3:01 PM from Donna Hufnagle to everyone: Hello, I would like to
piggy back on Steve's question as well. I am curious to this answer? Also what is the data on re-
infection? Can some catch this variant twice? And if so how long after?

January 14, 2022 3:01 PM from Anne Finn to everyone: What are recommendations for
those that were vaccinated did not get booster but had breakthrough infection and deadline for our

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state is February 1 to have booster? What are the guidelines after breakthrough infection to get booster? Since also considering fully vaccinated status is now including booster.

January 14, 2022 3:05 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: 1.13.22 CDC
Publication:
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2788108?utm_source=For_The_Media&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=ftm_links&utm_term=011322

January 14, 2022 3:07 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: Thursday 1/20/22 at 1
pm Eastern

January 14, 2022 3:08 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: CDC website states
after a COVID +, "If an individual has access to a test and wants to test, the best approach is to use an
antigen test¹ towards the end of the 5-day isolation period. " Why would a PCR not be used?

January 14, 2022 3:10 PM from Matt Holland to everyone: Hi from Indy David
Canavan!

January 14, 2022 3:10 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: Hi all - I will work on
answering questions in the chat - bear with me :)

January 14, 2022 3:11 PM from Donna Hufnagle to everyone: Thank you Ashley. My
first question was answered. Im more curious about re-infection?

January 14, 2022 3:16 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: PCR and Antigen tests
detect different markers. PCR is designed to detect the presence of viral DNA, so even a tiny amount of
viral DNA present can produce a positive PCR result. Antigen tests detect biomarkers related to our
body's immune response. So, if someone is symptomatic or has a high viral load, they will likely be
picked up by antigen tests. Antigen tests may not always show positive result if there isn't as much virus
in the body or if the immune response hasn't yet kicked in (typically the person was tested too soon
after exposure). Antigen tests often provide results rapidly, whereas PCR results may take a few days for

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results. Thus, in crisis situations when someone feels ok and wants/needs to get back to work, an antigen test would be the most timely and is still pretty reliable

January 14, 2022 3:17 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: Thank you Ashley!

January 14, 2022 3:17 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC Burn Rate Calculator: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/burn-calculator.html>

January 14, 2022 3:18 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Sure @brenda: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/hcp/PPE-Burn-Rate-Calculator-Version-2.2.xlsx>

January 14, 2022 3:18 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: I think Terra answered the question about considerations for the fact people may continue to test positive even after completing isolation but let me know if there are additional questions about that

January 14, 2022 3:20 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: Re-infection is possible. If someone had the original strain of COVID in 2020, or the Delta variant in 2021, it is possible to be re-infected with the Omicron variant right now. This is because the variants are different enough from one another that any natural immunity from the previous variants may not hold up against Omicron

January 14, 2022 3:21 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: I will encourage anyone who is able to get their booster as soon as they can! If you are actively sick with COVID-19, please wait until your symptoms resolved or isolation is complete before going to get your booster.

January 14, 2022 3:21 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: @Ashley if someone tested positive on day 10, should they continue to isolate?

January 14, 2022 3:21 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CARES Act Virtual Conference Registration: <https://sidem.brandlive.com/HUD-CARES-2022/en/registration>

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January 14, 2022 3:22 PM from Donna Hufnagle to everyone: Thank you Ashley, so for clarity. It is less likely to get re-infected Omicron if they have had Omicron?

January 14, 2022 3:22 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Just joined after Narcan Count colunteer training & a little behind. Nashville has a CoC listserv (629 individuals at this point), & sent out plea for standby volunteers for winter shelter last week, and again yesterday. (Spearheaded by staff at The Salvation Army, but def a collaborative effort) Seemed to work well last week.

January 14, 2022 3:23 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: I have not seen or heard people getting sick with Omicron twice, but it has only been on the scene for a short amount of time. However, this may change as we learn more.

January 14, 2022 3:24 PM from Donna Hufnagle to everyone: Thanks again!

January 14, 2022 3:25 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: @Eleanor: that could be assessed on a case by case basis. If someone still tests positive on day 10, I would consider their symptoms and how they feel. If they're still experiencing strong symptoms, they may benefit from a separate recuperation space or extending isolation.

January 14, 2022 3:25 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: Thank you!

January 14, 2022 3:25 PM from Ashley Meehan to everyone: @Donna, in my own personal life I am operating under the assumption that if I had Omicron I likely won't be reinfected with Omicron anytime soon

January 14, 2022 3:26 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Thank you everyone!

January 14, 2022 3:26 PM from Kat Wies to everyone: thank you - keep on folks!

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from Yulaine Marlow to everyone: Thank you