



Summit County Updated COVID-19 Release Criteria

Below you will find updated isolation and quarantine release criteria.

Individuals who have tested positive for Covid-19 and had illness symptoms may be released from isolation and return to normal activities if you meet all the following criteria:

- 10 days have passed from the start of your symptoms; AND
- At least 1 day (24 hours) has passed since your last fever (without use of fever reducing medication); AND
- Symptoms have improved.

If you have a severe or critical illness or are severely immunocompromised, you may be subject to extended isolation periods. This could be up to 20 days after your symptoms started or your test date. If you feel this applies to you, please contact your doctor for further guidance on how long you are to be isolated. **If you are a healthcare worker**, you may be subject to different criteria for release. You should contact your infectious disease control professional at your workplace for guidance.

Individuals who did not have any illness symptoms but tested positive for Covid-19 and are self-isolating at home may be released from isolation and return to normal activities if you meet the following criteria:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test. If they develop symptoms, then the symptom-based or test-based strategy should be used. Note, because symptoms cannot be used to gauge where these individuals are in the course of their illness, it is possible that the duration of viral shedding could be longer or shorter than 10 days after their first positive test.

Individuals identified as contacts of positive cases will be asked by the health department to quarantine for 14 days. Quarantine instructions include the following:

- Check temperature twice a day; once in the morning and once at night
- Stay home for 14 days after last known exposure to positive case
- Maintain 6 foot distance
- Avoid contact with people at higher risk for severe illness (unless they live at home and have had the same exposure)



SCPH does NOT require the presence of a negative Covid-19 test in order for individuals to return to normal activities given all aforementioned procedures are followed. SCPH will NOT provide “return-to-work” letters.

More information on specific information regarding the opening of Ohio’s businesses can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>

For more information about the coronavirus situation in Summit County visit <https://www.scph.org/covid-19>. If you have questions, call the COVID-19 Call Line (330) 926-5795. The call line is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F.

