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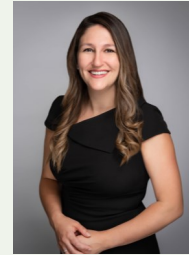
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Illinois Department of Health Issues Updated Guidance and Decision Tree related to COVID-19

On January 4, 2021, the Illinois Department of Health updated its Frequently Asked Questions and its COVID-19 Interim Exclusion Guidance to reflect updates in quarantine and isolation and other COVID-19 issues.

The COVID-19 Interim Exclusion Guidance – Decision Tree can be found [here](#) and updates the guidance to address the IDPH and CDC’s shortened quarantine periods for close contacts who remain asymptomatic. This shortened time period is 10 days without symptoms or 7 days without symptoms if you take a SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test with 48 hours of day 5 and it comes back negative. Notably, the 7 day shortened quarantine period is only applicable for adult staff.

The updated FAQ can be found [here](#) and primarily addresses the IDPH and CDC’s shortened quarantine periods for close contacts who remain asymptomatic. It details the circumstances when a shortened quarantine period can be used, but emphasizes that it is up to the local health department to determine which options are allowable within their jurisdiction.

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