

ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Novel Coronavirus

Workers and Employers Want to Know

Q. Workers and employers have asked the ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC): "If I've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, do I need to observe the usual quarantine period if I happen to come into "close contact" with someone who turns out to be infected? [26 February 2021]

A. Based upon recent guidance offered by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the JSC is pleased to report that those persons who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can skip quarantine requirements if they've received the last of their vaccinations within the last three months <u>and</u> have shown no signs of infection.

A link to CDC's guidance of 11 February 2021 is provided here:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html

The section that provides the necessary clarification is set out here:

Who needs to quarantine?

People who have been in <u>close contact</u> with someone who has COVID-19—excluding people who have had COVID-19 within the past 3 months.

- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
- People who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID-19 may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms.
- People who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated against the disease within the last three months and show no symptoms.

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