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Subject: Post COVID-19 Vaccination Quarantine

As per the “CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States” (updated 2/10/21) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Michigan Health Alert Network (MIHAN) “COVID-19 Recommendations for Vaccinated Persons” dated 2/12/2021, WCHD will adopt the following guidelines for individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccination effective 2/13/2021.

Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated: Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series
  - 2 or more weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series
  - 2 or more weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

These criteria may be applied when considering work restrictions for fully vaccinated healthcare personnel with high-risk exposures, as a strategy to alleviate staffing shortages. Of note, exposed healthcare personnel would not be required to quarantine outside of work.

Persons who do not meet all of the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Exceptions to Waiving Quarantine

As an exception to the above guidance, vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings should continue to quarantine following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. This exception is due to the unknown vaccine effectiveness in this population, the higher risk of severe disease and death, and challenges with social distancing in healthcare settings.

Although not preferred, healthcare facilities could consider waiving quarantine for vaccinated patients and residents as a strategy to mitigate critical issues (e.g., lack of space, staff, or PPE to safely care for exposed patients or residents) when other options are unsuccessful or
unavailable. These decisions could be made in consultation with public health officials and infection control experts.

COVID-19 Variant Considerations
A close contact of a B117 variant infection will not need to quarantine if the person meets all of the criteria listed above of being fully vaccinated, within the immune period, and continue to be asymptomatic.

Fully vaccinated individuals may be required to quarantine for 14 days if exposed to a different variant strain with the potential for reduced vaccine efficacy.

These guidelines will be updated as more data is made available additional CDC and MDHHS guidelines are published.