Shortened isolation guidance for General Population

Regardless of vaccination status

If you test positive for COVID-19

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ISOLATE

- Stay home and isolate for 5 days
- After 5 days, if your symptoms have resolved you can leave your house BUT
- You must continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days and should avoid contact with high-risk people

- If you are still feeling sick or have a fever after 5 days, you must continue to isolate at home until you feel fine

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Chicago: COVID-19 case rate continues to rise sharply; cases are now higher than they have ever been in Chicago.
Chicago: COVID test positivity is the highest it has been since the first wave of the pandemic.
Chicago: Non-ICU Hospital Beds occupied by COVID-19 patients at **highest** census since December 2020

Current average: 755

[Graph showing the number of non-ICU hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 patients from July 2020 to October 2021.

Chi.gov/coviddash]
Chicago: ICU Hospital Beds occupied by COVID-19 patients at highest census since January 2021

Current average: 208
Good News: vaccine still highly protective against infection, though seeing more breakthroughs with Omicron variant.
Good News: In Chicago, vaccines continue to protect beautifully against COVID hospitalization, and boosters add to that protection.

Unvaccinated Chicagoans are driving our increase in COVID hospitalizations.
So, what should we do to protect ourselves and community from COVID and its variants?

**VAX UP**

**MASK UP**

**BACK UP**

**WASH UP**

**TEST UP**

CDPH
Guidance for Gathering in Chicago

• Get vaccinated and boosted
• Wear a well-fitting mask
• Avoid gatherings and travel if not fully vaccinated
• If possible, get tested before gathering, regardless of vaccination status
• If you are sick, stay home
• Visit Chicago.gov/COVID
Keep a copy of your vax card on your phone!

**STEP ONE:**
Take a picture of your card on a flat surface in a well-lit area

**STEP TWO:**
Add the photo to your favorites so you can access it quickly
Need a vaccine or a booster? Have questions?

visit CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX

or call 312-746-4835