

APPENDIX 24: PLANNING CHECKLIST FOR SAFE DISCONTINUATION OF MASS COVID-19 QUARANTINE

This document is intended to assist institutions in deciding when mass quarantine of patients due to exposure to COVID-19 can be discontinued. The intent is to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 outside the quarantined group.

A separate form should be completed for each group of patients that interact with each other in such a way that COVID-19 could be transmitted within the group. For example, if a building has four wings (A, B, C, D) with 50 patients in each wing, and patients from all the wings share a common area at the same time for a significant part of each day, the document should be filled out for the entire building. But if the patients in wing A do not have contact with patients in wings B-D, the document can be filled out for wing A only.

In addition, the institution should consider whether the group whose quarantine is to be discontinued may mix with a group that is at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 (for example, because of medical conditions or because of a low vaccination rate). A box toward the end of the document is included for discussion of such high risk groups.

It may be necessary for an interdisciplinary team to fill out the form and make a decision about discontinuation of quarantine. Please refer to the memorandum "[ROADMAP TO REOPENING – JULY 2022 UPDATE - COVID-19 Information \(ca.gov\)](#)" when consultation is needed.

Proposals that involve deviations from the current policy should be reviewed and approved by institutional leadership and, if needed, regional healthcare executives.

Person Filling Out This Form: _____ **Date Completed:** _____

Email: _____

Institution	
Facility	
Name of Group of Patients (e.g., "Wing A")	
Number of Patients in Group	
Number of Days Since Most Recent Positive Test	
Number of Consecutive Days of Quarantine as of Today	

Please circle one choice in each row below.

	Lower Risk of Transmission Outside Group	Medium Risk of Transmission Outside Group	Higher Risk of Transmission Outside Group
HOUSING: What type of housing is used for group members?	Single cells with solid doors	Cells with air shared with other cells	Open dorms

	Lower Risk of Transmission Outside Group	Medium Risk of Transmission Outside Group	Higher Risk of Transmission Outside Group
PATIENT FULL VACCINATION: What is the percentage of the group that is fully vaccinated ⁱ ? (May use percentage for facility or institution if group-specific data are unavailable)	>90%	80%-90%	<80%
PATIENT UP-TO-DATE VACCINATION: What is the percentage of the group that is up-to-date ⁱⁱ with vaccination? (May use percentage for facility or institution if group-specific data are unavailable)	>75%	65%-75%	<65%
RISK SCORE: What percentage of the group has a Covid risk score of 3 or more?	<1%	1%-5%	>5%
OFFERS OF TESTING: What percentage of patients in the group was offered testing for COVID-19 in the last 7 days?	100%	90%-99%	<90%
ACTUAL TESTING: What percentage of patients in the group was actually tested for COVID-19 in the last 7 days?	>90%	80%-90%	<80%
POSITIVES: How many patients in the group were found to be positive for COVID-19 in the last 21 days?	0	n/a	1 or more
HOSPITALIZATIONS: How many patients in the group were hospitalized for COVID-19 in the last 21 days?	0	n/a	1 or more
ROUNDING: What percentage of patients received COVID-19 quarantine surveillance rounding, which includes temperature checks and a COVID-19 symptom screening, in the past 7 days?	100%	90%-99%	<90%
ISOLATION FOR SIGNS/SYMPTOMS: How many patients in the group were removed from quarantine and placed into isolation for signs/symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 21 days?	0	n/a	1 or more
STAFF FULL VACCINATION: What is the percentage of the staff in the institution that is fully vaccinated?	>90%	80%-90%	<80%

If any boxes marked “Higher Risk” were circled in the table above, please explain how the risk of transmission of COVID-19 outside the group will be minimized if quarantine is discontinued:

If after quarantine is discontinued the group in question would mix with a group that is at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 (for example, because of medical conditions or because of a low vaccination rate), please explain how the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to the higher risk group will be minimized:

Excerpted from the CCHCS Interim Guidance for Health Care and Public Health
Providers: <https://cchcs.ca.gov/covid-19-interim-guidance/>. September 2, 2022, version.

ⁱ As stated at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>, “A person is fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving all recommended doses in their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine.”

ⁱⁱ As stated at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>, “Up to date means a person has received all recommended doses in their primary series of COVID-19 vaccine, and a booster dose when eligible.”