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The Wayne Health Department and Wayne OEM are concerned that some are not clear on the criteria regarding quarantine due to contact tracing.

Close contact is defined by CDC and NJDOH as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

Please note, simply being in the same location as a person who tests positive does not mean that you must quarantine unless you fit the criteria of close contact.

If you are merely a contact of someone who is a close contact, you are not required to quarantine unless symptoms develop. For more information, see the following links:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>