



Who is required to go into isolation?

The goal of isolation is to reduce infection and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Israel. Isolation means avoiding contact with other people, including household members for the period specified in the Ministry of Health Director General Order.

Share:

- Isolation of confirmed COVID-19 patients
- Symptomatic cases with a suspicion of a COVID-19 infection
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Isolation duration and an option to shorten isolation



The normal isolation duration is counted from the time of the last contact with a confirmed case or from arrival in Israel (subject to applicable restrictions) and lasts 13 full days + the hours remaining until 24:00 on the 14th day (regardless of the start time of the isolation).

Apply to shorten isolation

People in isolation may shorten the duration of their isolation duration and complete it after 9 full days + the hours remaining until 24:00 on the 10th day after contact with a confirmed case or entry to Israel.

To apply for a shorter isolation duration, all the following prerequisites must be met:

- You must report your isolation address with one of the following form:
 - [Inbound international passengers - online form](#)
 - [Close contact with a confirmed patient - online form](#)
 - Call the Ministry of Health Hotline at *5400
- Your first coronavirus test is conducted as soon as possible after going into isolation, and the first test result is negative
- At least 24 hours elapse before taking a second coronavirus test
- The second coronavirus test is done on the 9th days after the last contact with a confirmed case or from the time of arrival in Israel (count from contact day + 8 more full days) and the second test result is negative, too
- During isolation, no display of COVID-19 related symptoms (body temperature is 38C or higher, cough, or trouble breathing, which are not related to a chronic conditions such as asthma or allergies)

How to calculate testing times and isolation exiting time

A person whose last close contact with a confirmed case was on 1.11.2020 at 14:00:

- Will report going into isolation on the [Ministry of Health's website](#) upon going into isolation
- Will take the first coronavirus test as soon as possible upon going into isolation
- Test negative for coronavirus
- Will wait for at least 24 hours from the first test and take a second coronavirus test starting 9.11.2020
- Is allowed to exit isolation on 10.11.2020 at 24:00 (instead of 14.11.2020 at 24:00) only if the second test result is negative for coronavirus, too.

Note: the required isolation duration must be completed in full, even if a negative coronavirus test result has been received.

Shorter isolation for healthcare workers

Healthcare workers shall apply for a shortened isolation durations through the medical system, subject to the Ministry of Health guidance, and the required report protocols.

To be clear, the isolation duration must be completed in full, even if a test result is negative.

Confirmation of a shorter isolation duration and ending isolation

- If the first and second tests are negative, the Ministry of Health will send a text message (SMS) or voice mail confirming a shortened isolation.
- The message will be sent automatically once the test result is saved on the Ministry of Health database.
- There can be a time gap between the second test result and the message, but most messages will be sent by the end of the tenth day.
- The message will be send only to people who reported their isolation address.
- Once the confirmation has been received, you may complete isolation after 9 full days + the hours remaining until 24:00 from the date of the last contact with a confirmed case or arrival in Israel, and if all prerequisites have been satisfied.
- If you develop symptoms during isolation, it cannot be shortened and you have to get retested.
- If there is any other reason for isolation (for example, if you receive a text message that digital contact tracing has initiated), you are required to remain in isolation and call the Ministry of Health at *5400 for advice.
- Caregivers of an individual who is required to go into isolation may complete isolation with the individual they care fore if that individual received a confirmation for a shortened isolation.

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