



COVID-19: Double-jabbed people no longer must isolate after contact with positive case

According to the latest government data 40,841,971 are now fully vaccinated - 77.2% of UK adults. (Sky News 17.08.21)

People who are fully vaccinated against coronavirus no longer must isolate if they come into contact with someone who has tested positive.

From Monday 16th August 2021, people in England who have had both doses and are under 18 will not have to spend 10 days in quarantine if they are a contact of a positive case.

They will now be advised to take a PCR test, but that will not be compulsory, and they will not have to self-isolate while they wait for the result.

If someone develops symptoms of the virus, the government says they should self-isolate and get a PCR test and stay in isolation until the result comes back.

The new guidance will apply to people who had their final dose of an approved vaccine at least 14 days before coming into contact with a positive case.

The change came into effect in Wales on 7 August 2021 when instead of instructing fully vaccinated adults to isolate, contact tracers and advisers started providing people with advice and guidance about how to protect themselves and stay safe.

Some extra safeguards were put in place for those working with vulnerable people, particularly health and social care staff, including a risk assessment for staff working in health and care and daily lateral flow tests.

Members of the public in Wales are strongly advised not to visit hospitals and care homes for 10 days.

Everyone identified as a contact of a positive case in Wales will continue to be advised to have a PCR test on day two and day eight, whether they are fully vaccinated or not.

Please wash your PPE as often as possible



In Scotland it is also already the case that double-vaccinated adults and all children can avoid self-isolation as a close contact so long as they are symptomless and provide a negative PCR test.

All teenagers aged 16 and 17 in the UK are to be offered a coronavirus vaccine by 23rd August 2021. Health Secretary Sajid Javid said the target date will allow the nation's 1.4 million teenagers to get "vital protection" before returning to sixth form or college two weeks later in September.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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