

Key Points with COVID-19 acute phase isolation

The decision to discontinue home isolation should be made in the context of local circumstances. Options are (a) full (1) or time-limited (time-based) and time-area recovery (area-based) strategy, and (2) a full (area)-based strategy.

1) Time-limited (time-based) and time-area recovery strategy (area-based strategy)

1. **Rescue with COVID-19 who have symptoms and were directed to care for the treatment of home may discontinue home isolation under the following conditions:**

1. All test 2 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and** improvement in respiratory symptoms (eg, cough, chest pain, etc.) **and**,
2. All test 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

2) Area-based strategy (simplified from initial protocol)

2. While previous recommendations for a full (area)-based strategy remain applicable, however, a full (area)-based strategy is contingent on the availability of people testing together and secondary cases as well as consistent access to testing. In jurisdictions that choose to use a full (area)-based strategy, the recommended protocol has been simplified so that people need to tested at any sampling
3. **Rescue who have COVID-19 who have symptoms and were directed to care for the treatment of home may discontinue home isolation under the following conditions:**

1. Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
2. Improvement in respiratory symptoms (eg, cough, chest pain, etc.) **and**
3. Negative result of an RT-qPCR (the authorized molecular assay for COVID-19) or at least two consecutive rapid antigen test specimens collected 48 hours