



DEG Project  
**Advisory Support for the  
Prevention of COVID 19**

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## Updated Recommendations on End of Quarantine

Over the last months, recommendations regarding the testing of healthy, close contacts to persons with a COVID-19 infection have been updated in several countries. We summarize here these recommendations as of end Oct 2020.

- If no testing is available: many countries recommend that all persons that had close contact to an infected person should stay in quarantine for 14 days, independent of any test result.
- If PCR testing is available: some countries allow for using PCR testing on day 7 to 9 of quarantine to end quarantine after the results are negative.
- If only Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Tests (Ag-RDT) are available: some experts recommend that good-quality RDT-tests could be used on day 7 to end quarantine. Note that this method is less reliable than a PCR test, and not all brands of RDTs have been independently evaluated, specifically not for use in asymptomatic contacts!

***The m4h team can support your company in developing your quarantine procedures and testing strategy!***

## New document available: "COVID-19 Pandemic Response Framework"

The m4h team developed a template for your Company COVID-19 Pandemic Response Framework. This business response plan needs to be adapted to your company depending on e.g. location, supply chains, logistics, access to hospitals, structure of workforce, country regulations, professional or medical assets, etc.

Our goal is to give your company a framework to start your response & business continuity planning and provide suggestions for implementation.

***The updated recommendations and the response framework are available from m4h. Just contact us.***

## Outlook

In the next newsletters, we will talk about the pandemic preparedness self-assessment tool for private-sector companies, news about the vaccine development and new testing strategies.

***Kind regards***

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