

# COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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Laurie Smith  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Staff  
**FROM:** COVID-19 Incident Command Center  
**SUBJECT:** ICC Directive 20-56 (New Quarantine Guidance for Close Contact Exposure)  
**DATE:** December 18, 2020

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On December 14, 2020, the County of Santa Clara released new quarantine guidance for COVID-19 exposures. The new guidance shortens the quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days for close contacts of persons with COVID-19 and those subject to the mandatory travel quarantine. However, even though the quarantine period has been shortened, individuals should continue to closely monitor for symptoms for a full 14 days. This is in alignment with the California Department of Public Health.

The Sheriff's Office wants all staff to be advised of the quarantine guidance offered by CDC and Santa Clara County Public Health. The Sheriff's Office takes all CDC and Public Health guidance into consideration when determining protocol set forth by this agency. CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community.

In the event a staff member is identified as a close contact exposure to a COVID-19 positive person and is not experiencing symptoms, Sheriff's Office personnel are expected to continue to work their regular scheduled shift and to adhere to the following guidelines currently in place for close contact exposure to COVID-19:

- Monitor yourself for symptoms
- Test as soon after the exposure as possible
- Retest 8 days from date of exposure
- If symptoms appear, isolate, notify your supervisor and contact the HIP COVID Team

The HIP COVID Team can be contacted by calling 408-808-4843 (M-F, 0800 – 1700) or 408-808-4629 (M-F, 0600-0800 and 1700-2200; Sat/Sun, 0600-2200); or emailing [COVIDteam@shf.sccgov.org](mailto:COVIDteam@shf.sccgov.org).

For specific information regarding the County of Santa Clara newly released quarantine guidance, please refer to the following link:

[County of Santa Clara Releases New Quarantine Guidance for COVID-19 - Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - County of Santa Clara \(sccgov.org\)](#)