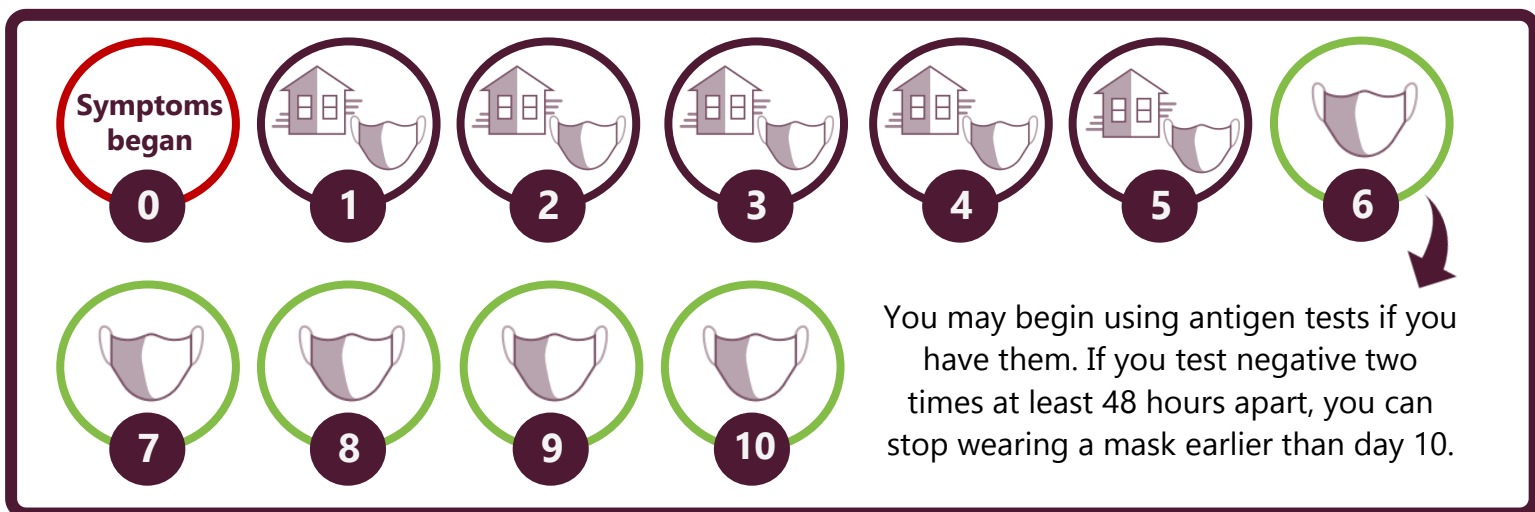# Diagnosed with COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID-19, you should stay home and separate yourself from other people. This is called isolation. Do not go to school, work, or public areas. Do not travel. You should also isolate if you have symptoms of COVID-19 but haven't been tested yet or are waiting for your test results. If you results are positive, follow the recommendations below.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19:

» **Isolate at home and wear a well-fitting mask if you must be around others.** Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home if possible. You can end isolation after 5 days if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms are improving. Day 0 of isolation is the day your symptoms began.

» **Wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional 5 days after your isolation.** You may remove your mask early if you test negative with an antigen test two times at least 48 hours apart. The first should not be before day 6.

» **Avoid being around people at higher risk of severe illness** until at least 10 days have passed since you developed symptoms.
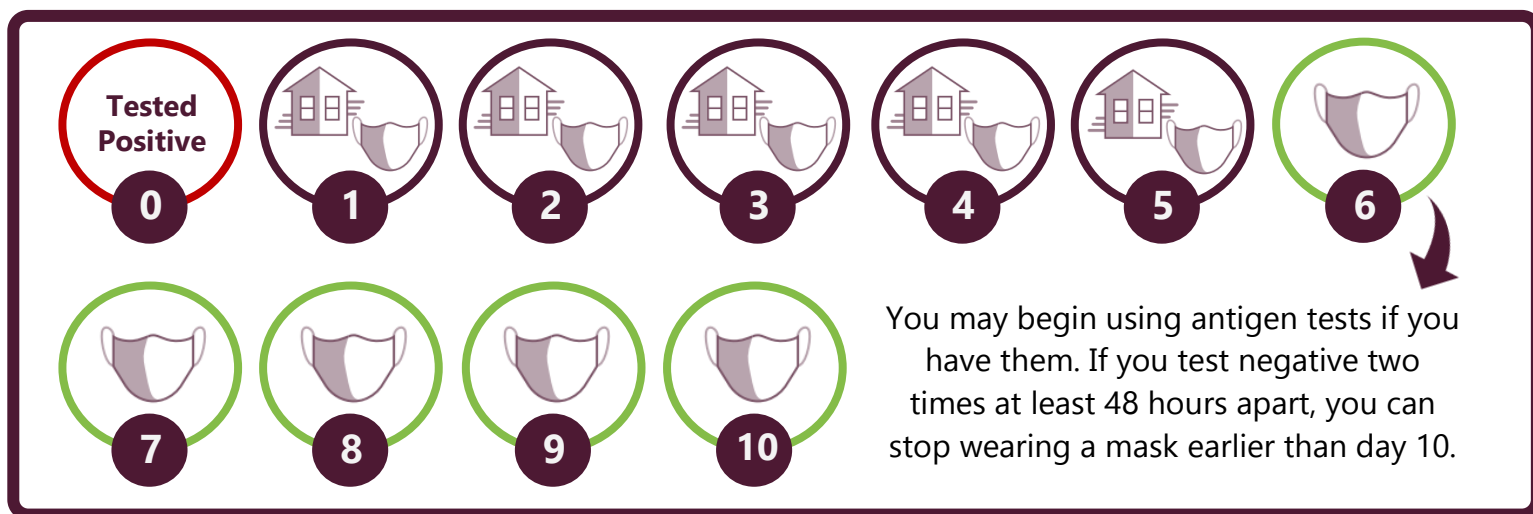
» **Watch for new or worsening symptoms.**

You may begin using antigen tests if you have them. If you test negative two times at least 48 hours apart, you can stop wearing a mask earlier than day 10.

If you have moderate or severe illness due to COVID-19, or you have a weakened immune system, you need to isolate for a full 10 days. People with severe illness or weakened immune systems should talk to a doctor about when they should end isolation.

Visit www.dhs.wi.gov/diagnosed.htm to learn more.

If you DO NOT have symptoms of COVID-19:

» **Isolate at home and wear a well-fitting mask if you must be around others.** Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home if possible. You can end isolation after 5 days if you continue to have no symptoms

» **Wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional 5 days after your isolation.** You may remove your mask early if you test negative with an antigen test two times at least 48 hours apart. The first should not be before day 6.

» **Avoid being around people at higher risk of severe illness** until at least 10 days have passed since you tested positive.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What if I still test positive after I end isolation?

If you still have a positive antigen test after ending isolation, you may still be able to spread COVID-19. Continue to wear a mask and wait at least 48 hours before taking another test. Continue taking antigen tests at least 48 hours apart until you have two negative tests in a row. This may mean you need to continue wearing a mask beyond day 10.

What if I develop symptoms?

If you develop symptoms after testing positive, your 5-day isolation period should start over. If you had symptoms while isolating and you still have a fever or your other symptoms are not improving after 5 days, continue to isolate until they improve. Follow instructions for isolation with symptoms on page 1.

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