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ANALYSIS: New Guidance from CDC in re Isolation Period for Individuals Testing Positive for Covid-19

Late last month, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) revised its guidance in relation to the isolation period individuals who have tested positive for the Covid-19 virus should adhere to.

CDC's revised guidance is ***“isolation”*** related only and applies exclusively to those individuals who have actually tested positive for Covid-19. For them, the 14 day isolation period has been reduced in CDC's guidance to 10 days.

For those individuals who have been identified as having been in close contact with [*close proximity to*] someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, the CDC's guidance in re the ***“quarantine”*** period remains 14 days.

The foregoing illustrates the distinction drawn between the terms ***“isolation”*** and ***“quarantine”*** by CDC.

Our reading of the prevention protocol published by USMX & ILA on 9 April 2020 (***See*** link below), confirms that it has established a conditional 10 day (7 + 3) isolation period for individuals who have tested positive for Covid-19.

Thus, the USMX-ILA **“NOTICE ON HOW WORKPLACES MUST STOP THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS”** is, in this regard, consistent with current CDC guidance.

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:be987a1c-9ffd-4ed8-a9e1-519ae58a2683>

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