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Subject: To the NFPs and OCPs for Action: Survey on policies for retesting of previously positive individuals when re-exposed

Dear Operational Contact Points for COVID-19 and Influenza,
 Dear National Focal Points for Influenza,

Cc: National Coordinators

We hope this email finds you well.

In the past few weeks we have received some questions from a few of you on testing of persons (particularly healthcare workers) who previously tested PCR positive and who are re-exposed to SARS-CoV-2. We would like to ask if you have policies in your country on this issue.

Specifically:

If a person who previously tested PCR positive to SARS-CoV-2 subsequently has an unprotected exposure, would you recommend testing for SARS-CoV-2?

1. If yes, do you recommend testing with (i) PCR, (ii) serology?
 - a. How long after exposure?
 - b. Would you recommend follow-up testing?
 - i. How many days after the first test (i.e. the first test following re-exposure)?
 - c. What are your recommendations for quarantine (initial and once results are available)?
1. Would you have different recommendations depending on the duration since the first positive test (eg if re-exposure was within less than three months vs longer than three months)?
2. How would you manage the re-exposed person if they develop symptoms?
3. Would you manage healthcare workers (or other groups) in a different way from the general population in such a situation?

If you have any testing algorithms, guidance documents, etc please feel free to send them with your replies.

Finally, the evidence base around the risk of reinfection is currently pretty limited – could you please let us know if you have collected, are collecting, or planning to collect data around this issue and briefly describe the methods?

We are planning to develop a document providing guidance on this issue based on an ongoing literature review and will summarize the current approaches based on your replies. Please send us your replies by **Friday 28 August** and feel free to get in touch for any clarifications. Thank you for your collaboration!

With best wishes,

The WHO/Europe and ECDC COVID-19 Teams



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