

The Novel Coronavirus

Workers and Employers Want to Know

Q. Workers and employers have asked the ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC): "Yesterday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lowered the time frames for quarantine and isolation with regard to persons coming within "close contact" with those testing positive and for those testing positive for COVID-19 <u>but showing no</u> <u>symptoms</u>. Will ILA~USMX go along with CDC's recommendations?" [28 December 2021]

A: As of this morning, our principals at ILA and USMX are carefully reviewing yesterday's recommendations and have not yet concluded whether or not the guidance being offered by CDC provides a good fit for the purposes, goals and interests of our industry and its workers. We will advise as soon as their decision crystallizes.

For the time being, ILA~USMX ports will adhere to the quarantine (for close contact) and isolation (for actual infection) timeframes that have been in practice for many months.

While the final decision taken by ILA~USMX principals is in development, for the purposes of completely informing our constituents we include a link to CDC's media release of yesterday's date here:

https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantineguidance.html

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