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SUBJECT: **Amendment to TESDA Circular No. 061-A, Series of 2021 on the Guidelines in the Management of Covid-19 Cases in the TESDA Offices**		Page 1 of 2 page/s No. 061-B, Series 2021
Date Issued: **11 October 2021**	Effectivity: **Immediately**	Supersedes: **TESDA Circular No. 061-A, Series of 2021**

In compliance with IATF Resolution No. 142, Series of 2021 dated 07 October 2021, number of quarantine day period in TESDA Circular No. 061-A is hereby amended from 14-day quarantine period for fully vaccinated close contacts of COVID-19 confirmed cases (IATF Resolution No. 132, Series of 2021 dated August 10, 2021), to fully vaccinated individuals who are close contacts may undergo seven (7)-day quarantine period.

Department of Health Department Memorandum No. 2020-0512 **FROM**	**IATF Resolution No. 142, Series of 2021 (October 7, 2021)** **TO**
When an asymptomatic close contact is identified and traced, they shall undergo immediate quarantine and be monitored whether or not symptoms will manifest during the 14-day period.	B. The following protocols for close contacts of probable, suspect, and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall hereinafter be observed: 1. Fully vaccinated individuals who are close contacts of probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases may undergo a seven (7)-day quarantine period, provided that the individual remains asymptomatic for the duration of the seven-day period with the first day being the date immediately after the last exposure. In the event that (RT-PCR) Test needs to be performed on the asymptomatic individual, it may be tested not earlier than the fifth day after the date of the last exposure. For close contacts who may have been traced beyond the seventh day from last exposure and who have remained asymptomatic, no testing and quarantine shall be required. Should the RT-PCR Test yield a positive result, or he/she becomes symptomatic, he/she shall follow the prescribed testing and isolation protocols.

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	2. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals who may be close contacts of suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall undergo fourteen-day quarantine pursuant to the Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2021-0043 or the "Omnibus Guidelines on the Minimum Public Health Standards for the Safe Reopening of Institutions."

A medical clearance from the TESDA Medical Team or LGU must be presented before returning back to work.

This Circular takes effect immediately and shall amend/supersede/revoke any other issuance/s inconsistent herewith.

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