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asymptomatic positive case and a number of swabs for close contacts were taken. Fourteen swabs of these close contacts have proven to be negative for the virus causing COVID-19 disease and the investigation is ongoing. There is no relevant travel history and it appears that this case is a past infection which is still lingering in this person's body. The very sensitive PCR test has picked up inactive viral particles - however, the test will be reported as a community positive to PAHO/WHO," said Dr Lee.

For symptomatic patients:

10 days after symptom onset, plus at least 3 additional days without symptoms (including without fever and without respiratory symptoms). Persons will then be retested and must obtain two negative tests 24 hours apart.

For asymptomatic cases:

10 days after positive test for COVID-19. Persons will be then be retested and must obtain two negative tests 24 hours apart.

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