

Coronavirus Incubation Timeline

It can take up to 14 days to develop symptoms after coming into close contact with a case of covid19 - this is called the incubation period.



December 13

Harry was a close contact of someone confirmed with covid-19 (Harry must immediately self isolate for 14 days)

December 18

Harry doesn't self isolate and instead gets a test. The test is negative. (This is wrong. He had no symptoms and should not have got a test. He could still be incubating the virus so should self-isolate for 14 days despite the negative test result)

December 20

Thinking he didn't have coronavirus, Harry went to the pub with five other people. They shared a table for four hours.

December 22

Harry developed symptoms and tested positive. He was contagious for 48 hours before his symptoms started (known as asymptomatic) and exposed five people to coronavirus. These five people must now self-isolate for 14 days.

They are all in self-isolation over Christmas

If you are a close contact of someone with coronavirus, you MUST complete your full isolation period, even if you feel well

