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Concerning the Covid protocol, given the additional normative updates,

- considered the attached Circ. Min. 30/12/2021;
- considered the attached Circ. Min. 04/02/2022;
- considered what reported in the Ministerial Note (whose link is attached) concerning, in particular, the definition of high risk and low risk contacts;
- considered what reported in the attached Note of the Piedmont Region dated 20.01.22;

some points that can require clarification are specified.

- 1) Given **the option that can be exercised between antigenic and molecular swab** indicated in the Circular and given the fact that the general current regulation establishes that the employer can exercise the choice of measures of a higher level of security, not only among options proposed by the regulation, but, if it is evaluated the opportunity, also by resorting to implemented measures, the following is established:
  - a) given the fact that in this phase of the epidemic, more and more often Doctors of General Medicine and/or SISP arrange for the implementation of the (generally antigenic) swab for the people in isolation and/or quarantine, in order to avoid possible organizational misunderstanding, we point out that the protocol below has to be applied when the management of contact-tracing, of quarantine and/or the end of isolation is performed directly by the Employer. If, instead, the MMG or the SISP are operative for the carrying out of the swabs that lead to the end of the isolation or of the quarantine, it is appropriate to conform to what disposed by them;
  - b) in case the MMG or the SISP do not provide for:
    - the molecular swab will be carried out at the end of the quarantine of five days, in case of high risk contacts belonging to the following categories:
      - non-vaccinated asymptomatic subjects or subjects that have not completed the primary vaccination cycle (i.e. they have received only one out of the two doses of vaccine that are planned) or that have completed the primary vaccination cycle since less of 14 days,
      - asymptomatic subjects that have completed the primary vaccination cycle or that have recovered from previous SARS-CoV-2 infection by more than 120 days without having received the booster dose;
    - the antigenic swab will be carried out in the case of self-monitoring for asymptomatic strict contacts that:
      - have received the booster dose,

- have completed the primary vaccination cycle or have recovered from SARS-CoV-2 infection in the previous 120 days,
  - have recovered after the completion of the primary cycle;
  - the swab for the end of isolation (10 or 7 days, according to what established by Circ. Min. 30/12/2021) will be molecular; in this case, if the result of the swab is still positive, an antigenic swab will be carried out after 72 hours and, in the case of persistent positivity, every 72 hours till negativization.
- 2) In the case of symptomatic subjects, both when the symptoms arise during the quarantine and when they arise during the isolation, the swabs of end of quarantine and/or of the end of isolation must always be carried out at least after three days since the end of the symptoms (except for possible taste and/or smell disturbances, that can persist for a long time).
- 3) The antigenic swabs of self-monitoring, that would be necessary after the appearance of symptoms in high-risk strict contacts, must be carried out the first day in which a possible onset of symptoms appears and, if the symptoms persist, also in the fifth day, time interval that must be calculated not since the day of the first swab, but from the day of the last contact with the positive subject.
- 4) The calculation of the 10 or of the 7 days for the carrying out of the molecular swab necessary for the end of the isolation of the positive subjects, except what reported above at point 2:
- in the subjects that have had symptoms, runs since the date of beginning of the symptoms that have led to the carrying out of the first swab turned out to be positive;
  - in the case of subjects always asymptomatic, runs since the date of the first positive swab.
- 5) The strict contacts, to any category they belong among those established by the Circular, in which a control swab would turn out to be positive enter, naturally, in isolation.
- 6) With respect to the cohabiting risk contacts that cannot be isolated
- meaning by isolation the possibility of the adoption of measures, among which there are: personal room, personal bathroom, meals consumed in the room, appropriate treatment of personal and bed effects, appropriate hygiene of surfaces and objects, ventilation of the environments, maintenance of the face mask in case of necessity, possibly of class FFP2, disinfection of the hands;
  - given the fact that by the reading of the Circular it is possible to understand that any count of days must be calculated since the date of the last contact;
- the counts
- of the five days of quarantine,
  - of the five days of self-monitoring,
  - of the days of use of face mask FFP2
- reset daily and restart from the beginning of each day, till those in which the cohabiting contact that cannot be isolated becomes negative.

- 7) Concerning the obligation of use of the face mask FFP2 established by the attached Ministerial Circulars, we remind that such obligation does not hold only for the workers but for all the citizens; it is therefore important to remind that it also applies outside the work places. In the latter, then, it is worthwhile it is respected during all the time, not allowing those activities in which the face mask cannot be maintained (meals, showers, coffee breaks).
- 8) All the other indications contained in the protocol remain unchanged, except those explicitly modified by the present regulations.

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