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Re: Explanation of the Following Procedure: "Administrative Order In Accordance with Article 20(1) of the Public Health Ordinance 1940, Appendix A – Definition of a Convalescent on a Temporal Basis"¹

A person who tested positive for Coronavirus must remain quarantined, in order to prevent the continuous spreading of the virus to the people in his her or her environment. So far, recovery from Coronavirus was established on the basis of several recovery tests.

Data show that according to these tests, **about half of all patients recover within about two weeks from the date of their diagnosis.** However, for some patients, the duration of the illness (and quarantine) can be longer. In order to allow patients and their families to resume their daily lives as soon as possible, all the while maintaining public health, the Ministry of Health has been considering various options to release patients according to a temporal criterion and with no laboratory tests.

Upon examination of the data, it was found that about 86% of all cases considered "mild" – who did not require hospitalization over the course of their illness – have recovered within no more than 30 days.

Nevertheless, there is a group of people who are required to remain quarantined for lengthy periods of time due to the need for a scientific evidence of their recovery. However, general consensus is that the chance that they are infectious is **extremely low**.

Therefore, it was determined that recovery on a temporal basis will be established only for mild cases who did not require any hospitalization over the course of their illness, inasmuch as 30 days have passed since the date of diagnosis and at least 48 hours since the symptoms have abated.

Any person who stayed in his or her home or in a recovery motel, and after 30 days of illness was found asymptomatic for 48 hours can be released to his or her home **with no need for further quarantine** or for any other measures beyond those required from all members of society:

- Wearing masks in the public sphere
- Keeping distance
- Maintaining hygiene

Upon release from the recovery motel, this person will receive a release note stating that this person has recovered and there are no more restrictions to his or her daily life.

¹ June 9th, 2020, Reference: 259818720

<https://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/disease/corona/Documents/bz-259818720.pdf>