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Statement by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough

"I routinely test for COVID-19 every day, and today I tested positive. My symptoms are mild, and I am following my physician's directions.

"In keeping with those directions, and in accordance with CDC guidelines, I will isolate myself at home for the next five days.

"I have informed my leadership team of my positive test result. To protect the safety of others, including our workforce and colleagues, I will attend key meetings and discussions virtually the rest of this week and early next week. I will retain all authorities.

"My last meeting with President Biden occurred on Wednesday, August 10, upon the signing of the PACT Act. Our interaction was brief and not considered a close contact as defined by the CDC. I tested negative that very morning.

"As I am fully vaccinated and 'boosted,' my physician expects my symptoms to be mild and my recovery swift, and I am grateful for that.

"Vaccines work, and I continue to encourage everyone eligible for a booster shot to get one."

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