

WHEN STAFFING IS LOW

COVID-19 Return to work for Health Care Providers:

Person with a positive test and person who are suspect for COVID-19 by a medical provider but has not been tested:

- Exclude from work for minimum of 7 days with last 3 days exhibiting temperature of less than 100.3 without any use of fever reducing medications.
- Retest (a single nasopharyngeal test).
- Negative result followed by 24 hours and second negative test (so 2 tests separated by 24 hours).
- May return to work once both tests are confirmed negative with wearing a surgical mask for a total of 14-days since first symptoms. Avoid exposure to immunocompromised people for the 14days.

Person who has been tested and test is negative:

- Once test is confirmed as negative (many sites take up to 5 days for negative result to be declared).
- Health Care worker may return to work if temperature is less than 100.3 for 24 hours and symptoms have resolved.
- Health Care work wears surgical mask for total 14 days since origination of symptoms.

Person with exposure to a quarantined person of interest with a positive test or waiting on test results:

- The exposed person is cleared for work if temperature is less than 100.3 and no symptoms (cough with shortness of breath or body aches). Once returned to work the exposed person must wear a surgical mask for 14 days.

UNLESS A HEALTHCARE WORKER HAS FEVER OR SYPTOMS OR A POSITIVE TEST THEMSELVES THEN THEY ARE OKAY TO WORK. See above for details.

Written documentation of tests performed are required. This includes documentation of when test is performed and when result was reported as negative.