COVID-19 in the Workplace

If an employee tests positive for COVID-19 or thinks they may have COVID-19, follow this guidance to keep the workplace safe.

**WHAT TO DO**

**Anyone who thinks they may have COVID-19 should stay away from the workplace.**

All employees or visitors who think they may have COVID-19 should stay away from the workplace even if they have been vaccinated for COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, chills, new cough, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea and loss of taste or smell. Sick persons are advised to get a COVID-19 test and stay away from the workplace while awaiting test results to prevent unknowingly exposing others.

**Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test should self-isolate for 10 days even if they are vaccinated.**

Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should notify their employer and self-isolate (stay away from work and others) for 10 days. If symptoms fully resolve, isolation may be shortened and end after day 5 on the first day without symptoms. If no symptoms, isolate for 5 days from the date of the test. Wear a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days. Isolation should be extended to 10 days if a mask cannot be worn properly and consistently.

**Exposure in the workplace:**

If an employee tests positive, the workplace should be informed. When possible, close contacts should be notified. Employers and employees should work together to follow this guidance to keep the workplace safe. In general, local health departments are not providing work release documents for individuals with COVID-19 and their contacts.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLOSE CONTACTS**

**Who are the employee's close contacts?**

Starting 2 Days Before Symptoms Began OR Before COVID-19 Test

Within 6 feet

For 15 Minutes OR More

Your close contacts do not need to quarantine if they do not have symptoms. They should get tested 5 days after their last exposure and wear a mask for 10 days.

Everyone 6 months of age and older is recommended to stay up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when available.

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