

Employee Return to Work Criteria

This guide is to assist in determining when employees who are either confirmed positive or suspected to have COVID-19 may return to work using the CDC's Non-Test Based Strategy, the preferred method by IDPH. While the CDC prefers the Test-Based Strategy, IDPH has not changed their recommendation from the Non-Test Based Strategy.

Symptomatic Employees with confirmed positive or suspected COVID-19 MUST stay home and isolate from others until:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fever-free	They have NO fever for at least 72 hours. (That is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers.)
AND	
<input type="checkbox"/> Symptoms Reduced	Their other symptoms have improved. (For example, when their cough or shortness of breath have improved.)
AND	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 days	At least 7 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared.

Asymptomatic Employees with confirmed positive COVID-19 test MUST stay home and isolate from others until:

<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Days	10 days have passed since the date of first positive COVID-19 test, so long as no subsequent symptoms have developed.
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References

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