

RETURN TO SCHOOL/WORK FLOWCHART FOLLOWING A COVID-19 RELATED ABSENCE

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Individual Had Close Contact* with Someone Who Tested Positive or is Suspected of Having COVID-19

Individual Tested Positive or is Suspected of Having COVID-19 AND Had Symptoms

Individual Tested Positive for COVID-19, But Had NO Symptoms

Individual Exhibits One or More Symptoms of COVID-19, But is Not Suspected of Having COVID-19

Individual Returns from International Travel to CDC "Level 3" Country

Refer to CDC COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination

May Return After 14-Day Quarantine Period from Date of Last Contact with Individual

Symptom-Based Strategy

May Return After:
(1) At Least 14 Days Have Passed Since Symptom Onset;
and
(2) At Least 24 Hours Since Resolution of Fever and Improvement of Other Symptoms

Time-Based Strategy

May Return After At Least 14 Days Have Passed Since Date of First Positive COVID-19 Test

Some Examples:
Allergies, Pre-Existing Conditions, Ear Infection, Flu, Strep Throat

May Be Possible to Return in Fewer than 14 Days After Onset of Symptoms and 24 Hours Fever Free if Alternate Diagnosis or if Allergies or Pre-Existing Condition (provided not new onset of symptoms and symptoms are attributable to allergies/condition).

Recommend: Evidence of Alternative Reason for Symptoms and/or Release to Return to School/Work

Recommended 14-Day Quarantine from Date of Return from Trip

For All of the Above: Return Based on Release from Health Care Provider Would Also Apply
Subject to Change: Follow Any Updated Guidance From CDC, IDPH or Local Health Department

*Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes, providing care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19 or direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, or kissed them) a person with COVID-19.



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