After 5-day isolation, if no fever for at least 24 hours and symptoms have improved, worker may return on Day 6.^

*People with COVID-19 might not have any symptoms. If they do develop symptoms, symptoms can range from mild to severe. See the list of symptoms at: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html

**Close contact** means having a possible exposure to someone with COVID-19. There are some exceptions for students in K-12 settings.

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**VDH Algorithm for Evaluating Non-Healthcare Workers with COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposures**

**DAILY SCREENING AT HOME OR WORK**

Does the worker have new symptoms of COVID-19?*

- **YES**
  - Isolate from others. Send home.

- **NO**
  - Has the worker had close contact** with someone with COVID-19 in past 14 days?
    - **NO**
      - Continue normal activities
    - **YES**
      - Worker should contact a healthcare provider for testing and care

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**HEALTHCARE PROVIDER EVALUATION**

Does the worker have new symptoms of COVID-19?*

- **NO**
  - Has the worker had close contact** with someone with COVID-19 in past 14 days?
    - **NO**
      - Test* (and/or evaluate clinically) for COVID-19. Isolate at home.
    - **YES**

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**RETURN TO WORK^**

If not tested or evaluated by a healthcare provider

- Symptoms present (whether or not they had close contact**)
  - Isolate at home for 5 days. Return on Day 6 if symptoms improve and no fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
  - Close contacts should quarantine.

- No symptoms but close contact**
  - Quarantine at home for 5 days. If no symptoms develop, return on Day 6. If symptoms develop, isolate for 5 days and quarantine close contacts.

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^Stay home (quarantine) until it is safe to be around others. Those who have no symptoms and are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines or recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days do not need to quarantine after exposure. Everyone with close contact exposure should wear a mask for 10 days, monitor for symptoms, and follow other advice.

^If able to follow strict mask use for Days 6-10. Those who are unable to do so should extend to 10 days at home.

^During a suspected or confirmed workplace outbreak, more stringent return-to-work recommendations might apply.

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