Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 (Interim Guidance)

Summary of Recent Changes as of Apr 10, 2020

- Changed the name of the lower respiratory tract (LRT) to the respiratory tract
- Changed the description of fever to temperature ≥ 100.4°F (≥ 38°C) for at least 15 minutes
- Added Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) and Pneumonia
- Added a new notification on the testing strategy for COVID-19
- Added information on exposure at work
- Added information on strategies to mitigate personnel shortages
- Updated guidance on return to work

For Guidance on COVID-19, be sure to review and comply with applicable state and local health department policies.

Who is at Risk for Development of Severe COVID-19 Disease

- Older adults
- Individuals with serious chronic medical conditions
- Individuals with immunosuppression

Determine Which Populations for Which You Should Implement Respiratory Hygiene/COVID-19 Precautions

- Individuals with fever or respiratory symptoms
- Individuals with severe chronic medical conditions
- Individuals who are immunocompromised

Respiratory Hygiene

- Respiratory masks
- Face masks
- Look for a mask with a nose wire that helps the mask fit more securely over the nose

Respirators

- N95 respirator
- Other respirators
- Standards for N95 respirator

PPE

- Guidance for U.S. Health Care Settings
- Guidance for U.S. Health Care Professionals
- Guidelines for U.S. Healthcare Settings

Considerations for the Use of Cloth Face Coverings

- Cloth face covering is not PPE and it is uncertain whether cloth face coverings protect the wearer.
- Use facemasks according to product labeling and local, state, and federal requirements.

CDC’s Response

- Support
- Resources
- FAQs

Laboratories

- Clinical Specimens for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Professionals

- Risk Assessment and Spectrum
- Considerations for Reporting
- Considerations for Determining Numbers of Outbreak and Cluster Investigations

Workplaces

- Return to Work
- Strategies to Mitigate Personnel shortages

Travel

- Risk of COVID-19 transmission to travelers
- Health Information for Travel

Pets & Other Animals

- Availability of SARS-CoV-2 in animals
- Considerations for the Management of Pet and Other Animals during a COVID-19 Outbreak

Daily Life & Coping

- Coping with Stress
- FAQs on Infection Prevention and Control

Testing

- Testing for COVID-19
- COVID-19 Testing Resources

FAQ on Infection Prevention and Control

- COVID-19 and the Flu
- FAQs on Infection Prevention and Control

Social Media

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram

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CDC guidance for COVID-19 may be adapted by state and local health departments to respond to rapidly changing local circumstances.

CDC has guidance available on a range of topics for COVID-19.

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