

COVID-19 EMPLOYEE SYMPTOMS/TESTING STATUS-BASED DECISION TOOL FOR FOOD FACILITIES¹

As of August 12, 2021 (Version 4)

STATUS OF ONE OR MORE WORKERS	FACILITY WORKERS: <i>COMPANY ACTIONS TO MITIGATE ASYMPTOMATIC TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19</i> **	WORKER(S) STATUS (ASYMPTOMATIC, SICK OR SYMPTOMATIC, OR TESTING POSITIVE): <i>IMMEDIATE COMPANY ACTIONS</i>	POTENTIALLY EXPOSED WORKERS: <i>IMMEDIATE COMPANY ACTIONS</i>	RECOVERED WORKER: <i>RETURN TO WORK CONSIDERATIONS</i>
<p style="color: red;">No Known Cases (baseline measures) NOTE: When deciding which basic measures to implement - consider State and local requirements, facility/establishment/store layout, employee movement patterns, and operations; ability to follow social distancing requirements/measures in the facility, establishment, or store, and whether or not there is active community spread of COVID-19 or the facility is in an area of substantial or high transmission.²</p>	<p><u>Baseline Measures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate employees on COVID-19 risks, prevention, and company policies • May consider employee screening and monitoring • Physical distancing and/or physical partitions/barriers • May consider face masks/coverings per company policy and job task • Clean and disinfect high-touch areas frequently • Implement other supplementary infection control measures, enhanced hand hygiene, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

¹ This is based on federal guidance as of July 27, 2021. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>) Refer to state/local authorities' guidance as you may have to follow additional or different guidelines

² <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

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	i.e., more frequent handwashing, frequent use of hand sanitizers			
<p>Fully Vaccinated</p> <p>Asymptomatic</p> <p>Exposed to Positive COVID-19 Individual</p> <p>Not Tested</p> <p>COVID-19 Positivity Unknown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline measures <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings or masks and gloves per company policy and job task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In this situation the worker is asymptomatic, but the potential for illness development must be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor worker symptoms Provide face covering or mask Retrain on personal hygiene Ask worker to self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days following an exposure Prepare for the need to contact trace Conduct COVID-19 testing 3-5 days after exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable if potentially exposed individuals remain asymptomatic 	<p>Worker can continue working unless symptoms appear or worker tests positive for COVID-19, in which case must stay home/self-isolate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If worker tested positive and is asymptomatic, he/she does not have to be retested to determine if still infectious, worker can discontinue home isolation if: At least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive test and remains asymptomatic since the test.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear mask in indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result 		
<p>Fully Vaccinated</p> <p>Symptomatic</p> <p>Potentially Exposed to a COVID-19 Positive Individual</p> <p>Not Tested</p> <p>COVID-19 Positivity Unknown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline measures <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings or masks and gloves per company policy and job task Employee screening and monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not allowed to work Ask sick worker to stay home or send sick employee home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for the need to contact trace and identify potentially exposed workers Conduct COVID-19 testing If tested positive for COVID-19, isolate for 10 days. Wear mask in indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify potentially exposed workers Potentially exposed workers may continue working if no symptoms appear as per current CDC guidance <u>OR</u>, consult with health officials to assess if previous CDC guidance to quarantine for 48 hours is more appropriate based on community transmission, and allow return to work if symptom-free 	<p>Worker can resume working if recovered from the possibility of a COVID-19 infection, as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least ten (10) days have passed since symptom onset <u>AND</u> At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without use of fever-reducing medication <u>AND</u> other symptoms have improved <p>If tested negative for COVID-19, resume work</p>

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<p>Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated</p> <p>Asymptomatic</p> <p>Potentially Exposed to a COVID-19 Positive Individual²</p> <p>Not Tested</p> <p>COVID-19 Positivity Unknown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline measures PLUS • Face coverings or masks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this situation the worker is asymptomatic, but the potential for illness development must be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screen worker • Provide face covering or mask • Retrain on personal hygiene • Ask worker to self-monitor for symptoms • Monitor worker for at least 48 hours • Prepare for the need to contact trace • Conduct COVID-19 testing if accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable if potentially exposed individuals remain asymptomatic 	<p>Worker can continue working unless symptoms appear or worker tests positive for COVID-19, in which case must stay home/self-isolate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If worker tested positive and is asymptomatic, he/she does not have to be retested to determine if still infectious, worker can discontinue home isolation if: At least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive test and remains asymptomatic since the test.

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<p>Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated</p> <p>Symptomatic</p> <p>Potentially Exposed to COVID-19 Positive Individual</p> <p>Not Tested</p> <p>COVID-19 Positivity Unknown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline measures <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings or masks and gloves per company policy and job task Employee screening and monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treat as 'presumed COVID-19 positive' Not allowed to work Ask sick worker to stay home or send sick employee home Recommend consultation with health professional to determine appropriateness of COVID-19 testing and need for quarantine (CDC recommends 14 days of quarantine after potential exposure) If exposed, conduct COVID-19 testing 3-5 days after exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual Identify other potentially exposed workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify potentially exposed workers Potentially exposed workers may continue working if no symptoms appear as per current CDC guidance <u>OR</u>, consult with health officials to assess if previous CDC guidance to quarantine for 48 hours is more appropriate based on community transmission, and allow return to work if symptom-free 	<p>Worker can resume working if recovered from the possibility of a COVID-19 infection, as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least ten (10) days have passed since symptom onset <u>AND</u> At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without use of fever-reducing medication <u>AND</u> other symptoms have improved

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<p>Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated</p> <p>Asymptomatic</p> <p>Tested Positive for COVID-19 (molecular test)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline measures <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings or masks per company policy and job task Employee screening and monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although asymptomatic, a positive molecular test suggests the individual may be infectious for a certain period of time and should be treated the same as a symptomatic, unvaccinated, or partially vaccinated worker during this period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not allowed to work Ask the worker to stay home or send the employee home Infected worker should self-isolate Identify other potentially exposed workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify potentially exposed workers Potentially exposed workers may continue working if no symptoms appear as per current CDC guidance <u>OR</u> consult with health officials to assess if previous CDC guidance to quarantine for 48 hours is more appropriate based on community transmission, and allow return to work if symptom-free 	<p>The worker is positive for COVID-19, in which case must stay home/self-isolate and can resume working if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive test and remains asymptomatic since the test. The worker does not have to be retested to determine if still infectious <p>If worker becomes symptomatic, worker can resume working if recovered from COVID-19, as evidenced by: (CONTINUED BELOW)</p>

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<p>Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated</p> <p>Symptomatic</p> <p>No COVID-19 Test or Tested Negative for COVID -19 (molecular test)</p> <p>Tested Positive for COVID-19 antibody (serology test)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline measures <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings or masks per company policy and job task • Employee screening and monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the rate of false negative molecular tests, the combination of symptoms and a serological positive test suggests the individual may be infectious: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not allowed to work • Ask sick worker to stay home or send sick employee home • Recommend consultation with health professional to determine appropriateness of additional COVID-19 testing and need for quarantine • Identify other potentially exposed workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify potentially exposed workers • Potentially exposed workers may continue working if no symptoms appear as per current CDC guidance <u>OR</u> consult with health officials to assess if previous CDC guidance to quarantine for 48 hours is more appropriate based on community transmission, and allow return to work if symptom-free 	<p>If worker becomes symptomatic, worker can resume working if recovered from COVID-19, as evidenced by: At least ten (10) days have passed since symptom onset <u>AND</u> At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without use of fever-reducing medication <u>AND</u> other symptoms have improved</p>

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<p>Fully Vaccinated, Partially Vaccinated, or Unvaccinated</p> <p>Asymptomatic</p> <p>No COVID-19 Test or tested negative for COVID -19 (molecular test) Tested positive for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with health officials to determine the likelihood and timeframe of potential infectivity, and potential impact on close contacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worker can continue working unless symptoms appear or worker tests positive for COVID-19 with a molecular test (in which case, please see above recommendations)

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COVID-19 IgG antibody (serology test)				

** Containment measures in the facility as per CDC guidance Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>, Accessed April 23, 2020; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/strategy-discontinue-isolation.html>, Accessed May 5, 2020; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>, Accessed, July 22, 2020; Protecting Workers: Guidance on Mitigating and Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace <https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/safework>, Accessed, August 12, 2021.

Note: This version reflects updates to CDC recommendations for fully vaccinated individuals given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>, Accessed, August 6, 2021.