

SVHC Staff Member Tested for COVID-19

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Any healthcare worker with COVID symptoms should be tested and out of work until results are in. If you have no PCP please contact Employee Health 447-5051 OR 447-5317. Your PCP can order testing by calling 447-5344 and give your birthdate and telephone number.

If staff member tested and is NOT symptomatic, (i.e tested as part of broad investigation or outbreak or surveillance) can work until tests results are final:

- Can work with mask on as long as no fever, and minimal symptoms
- Actively check temperature and monitor for symptoms daily. If present remove self from work and contact manager and employee health
- Follow normal practices for any worker using Standard Precautions and normal protocols

If staff member is tested and is symptomatic (Fever, Sore throat, cough, short of breath , nausea/ vomiting/ diarrhea, headache, loss of taste)and tests POSITIVE or NEGATIVE exclude from work until:

- At least 3 days (72hours) have passed since recovery (no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications) and improvement in all symptoms

AND

- At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

If staff member is tested and is asymptomatic and tests POSITIVE exclude from work until:

- At least 10 days have passed since test date
- If during that time, symptoms develop, follow symptomatic staff as above

Once criteria met to return to work (based on CDC and Vermont DOH guidelines) after a COVID 19 illness the following work practices apply:

- Wear a surgical face mask at all times while in healthcare facility until :
 - all symptoms are completely resolved or until 14 days after onset of illness, whichever is longer
 - If never had symptoms then until 14 days from test date
- No temperature greater than 100 – must go home and call PCP if have a fever
- Self monitor for symptoms and seek re-evaluation if symptoms recur or worsen
- Adhere to hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette
- Be restricted from contact with severely immunocompromised patients
e.g. transplant, hematology-oncology) until 14 days after illness onset
- Follow SVHC COVID-19 PPE requirements by location/patient status