

	Health Care Worker (HCW) Scenario Guidelines COVID-19				
Scenario	Crisis Strategy				
	Testing and Isolation	Leave Provisions			
 Up to date vaccine status is defined as 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine plus a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine OR 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine AND less than 5 months from second dose, OR less than six months since confirmed Covid-19 disease For all occupational exposure and outbreak testing guidelines, please refer to scenarios #6 and #7. 					
Previously COVID-19- Positive Health Care Worker	 NO work restrictions, NO POCT and NO PCR required for 90 days after positive PCR Note: Testing for scenarios #2 and #3 only if more than 30 days since positive PCR rest Employee Health. 				
#1: Does any member of your household have ONE or more symptoms?	 Continue to work. Self-monitor for further symptoms and, if possible, isolate from symptomatic household member. If you have fever or loss of taste or smell, follow #2 and notify your manager. If you develop TWO or more symptoms, follow #3 and notify your manager. 	Not applicable			
#2: Do you have ONE of the following symptoms? Fever or loss of taste or smell	 Remain out of the workplace and notify your manager. Book self-referral for PCR by submitting an RA-198E. If PCR is negative and symptoms are improving, return to work. If PCR is positive, follow scenario #4. Notify your manager of results. 	Sick leave can be used to ensure continuity of salary for these absences. If non-inpatient HCW, manager may offer work from home, if the role permits.			
#3: Do you have TWO or more symptoms?	 Remain out of the workplace and notify your manager. Book self-referral for PCR by submitting an RA-198E. If PCR is negative and symptoms are improving, return to work. If PCR is positive, follow scenario #4. Notify your manager of results. 	Sick leave can be used to ensure continuity of salary for these absences. If non-inpatient HCW, manager may offer work from home, if the role permits.			



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#4: Did you have a positive POCT or PCR? Day zero:

- first positive POCT OR
- first positive PCR OR
- date of symptom onset

Note: Symptom onset must be clear to use this parameter. Use the earliest date.

- Remain out of the workplace and notify your manager.
- Notify Employee Health (1-833-249-2003).
- 3. If not confirmed with PCR, book self-referral for PCR by submitting an RA-198E.
- 4. If PCR is negative and symptoms are improving, return to work.
- 5. You may return to work before day 7 regardless of the POCT result, making sure to If non-inpatient HCW, manager may follow the protection measures below:
 - You must not have a fever and your symptoms must be improving;
 - You must work isolate until day 10;
 - Whenever possible, prioritize care to active COVID 19 cases or cases that have recovered from it within the last 90 days;
 - Do not provide care to immunocompromised patients.
- 6. Notify manager of results.

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Note: Return to work for immunocompromised HCW requires an assessment for severity of compromise by the HCW's primary care provider. If no primary care provider is available, the HCW may contact eVisitNB for a medical consult. HCW shall report severity level to EHS to determine a return-to-work date.

> Leave provisions not applicable for work isolation

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2. Book self-referral for PCR on day 5 by submitting an RA-198E.

3. **If vaccinations are up to date**, perform POCT on days 1, 3 and 7. If vaccinations are not up to date, perform POCT on days 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7. If COVID-19 positive in last 90 days, no POCT, PCR testing or work restriction required unless you develop a new onset of symptoms, then refer to scenario #2 or #3.

4. If you start to have symptoms or have a positive POCT or PCR, follow scenario #2, #3 or #4, depending on the situation. Do not report to work.

5. Notify your manager of results.

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#5: Are you a close contact of a 1. Work isolate for 10 days following last contact with the positive case and notify positive POCT or positive PCR case in your home or the community?

Close contact: contact without mask. less than six feet away. more than 15 minutes with positive case

Day 0 is considered the date of your last contact with the positive case (community exposure) or the date of the positive result of the contact (household exposure).





Occupational Exposure and Outbreak					
#6: HCW notified of an occupational exposure to a COVID-19-positive patient or staff member (within the 48 hours prior to their onset of symptoms or date of POCT/PCR if asymptomatic) Note: not applicable on outbreak units, see scenario #7.	2. 3. 4.	by submitting an RA-198E. If vaccinations are up to date, perform POCT on days 1, 3 and 7. If vaccinations are not up to date, perform POCT on days 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7. Self-monitor for symptoms			
#7: HCW notified of a COVID-19 outbreak and has worked more than 15 minutes in the outbreak department/unit in the last five days.	1. 2. 3. 4.	Book a PCR test the day you are notified as well as on days 5 and 10 after your initial swab by submitting an RA-198E. Further testing may be requested per IPC / Infectious Disease. Self-monitor for symptoms. If you develop symptoms (scenario #2 or #3), do not report to work, book a PCR test by submitting an RA-198E immediately and notify your manager. If PCR is positive, refer to scenario #4. If PCR is negative, return to work when symptoms improve. If COVID-19 positive in last 90 days, no POCT, PCR testing or work restriction required unless you develop a new onset of symptoms, then refer to scenario #2 or #3 and notify your manager of results.	Not applicable		