

covid-19 staff protocol

All patients with confirmed appointments should be asked if they have had or have a fever, cough, or respiratory symptoms.

If a patient says yes to any of the above, the **NP should be notified and wear full PPE gear, including face mask, eye shield and gown.**

during patient contact

The NP should make every effort not to spend more than 15 minutes closer than 6 feet apart with any patient. When doing histories with the patient, they should sit 6 feet apart. This is important!

All staff who have been COVID-19 vaccinated and/or have tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies are not required to wear a mask. All other staff are required to wear a mask during work hours.

Staff should have a K95 or N95 mask for use with any patient who has respiratory symptoms or fever

Practice good hand washing in between every patient

Any staff going into facilities should test according to the facilities' protocols

exposure definition

A potential exposure means being a household contact or having close contact within 6 feet of an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. The timeframe for having contact with an individual includes the period of time of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic.

if you are experiencing

Respiratory Distress Fever 100.4

Loss of smell and/or taste

Immediately report your symptoms to your manager. Employee should be tested and sent home until results are received.

quarantine for 10 days if you are Covid-19 positive— you may return to work once you are symptom-free for 24 hours

healthcare professional (HCP)

with **mild to moderate** illness who are not severely immunocompromised:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever- reducing medications
- Symptoms (*e.g., cough, shortness of breath*) have improved

note

HCP who are not severely immunocompromised and were asymptomatic throughout their infection may return to work when at least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral diagnostic test.

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with **severe to critical illness** or who are severely immunocompromised:

- At least 10 days and up to 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever- reducing medications
- Symptoms (*e.g., cough, shortness of breath*) have improved