Symptom Screening Recommendations

**COVID-19 Symptoms**
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- If test result is negative OR doctor’s note with differential diagnosis, return to work after 24 hours afebrile and improved respiratory symptoms
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  - 24 hours with no fever and
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Isolation Requirements for Covid-19*

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**Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen (Point of Care) Test**

**WITH SYMPTOMS**
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May return to work after:
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If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to work guidance for positive PCR or Antigen test WITH symptoms

**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS**

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