



**Erie County
Department of
Health**



Public Health
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Has an employee or student at your business or school tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes

No

Your employee or student will be put under isolation orders by the Erie County Department of Health and advised when they can return to work and school.

Continue safe social distancing and cleaning measures, and follow directives and guidance from New York State and Erie County.

Close contacts of your employee or student will be contacted by the Erie County Department of Health to advise them of the need to quarantine.

For employees deemed essential by a business

For students and employees deemed non-essential

May continue to work on site if all of the following criteria are met:

(Note: Nursing home employees have different requirements. Contact NYSDOH for criteria)

1. It is not feasible for you to work from home or if not working would adversely impact the operation of your facility.
2. You remain asymptomatic.
3. You undergo temperature and symptom monitoring upon arrival to work and at least every 12 hours while at work and self-monitor twice a day when home.
4. You wear a face covering while working until 14 days after exposure.
5. Employees must not leave their work location during the work day.
6. Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet from co-workers, customers and visitors.

Must remain under quarantine at home for a 14-day period after last known exposure; monitor for symptoms and consider getting a COVID-19 diagnostic test five days or more after last exposure

Who is a close contact of someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?

A close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection).

You are required to maintain quarantine when not at work until 14 days after your last exposure to the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case. If symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) develop while working, stop work immediately and isolate at home. Consider getting a COVID-19 diagnostic test five days or more after last exposure.

Return to Work or School: Once employees or students have completed their period of isolation or quarantine, they can self-certify that they are released from isolation or quarantine and return to work or school.

ECDOH recommends the CDC and NYSDOH time-based strategy for returning to work or school after a positive COVID-19 test, which would **not** require a negative test before returning.

A repeat positive COVID-19 diagnostic test more than 10 days after onset of illness or after 1st test does **not** mean a person can infect others.