

CITY OF MEMPHIS COVID-19 WHAT TO DO FACT SHEET

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GENERAL EMPLOYEE CITY OF MEMPHIS RETURN TO WORK STRATEGY

City of Memphis is using a symptom-based strategy for employees with symptoms and a time-based strategy for employees without symptoms based on CDC guidelines.

*** police and fire employees should use their department protocols*

Situation	Exposure Level	Employee Symptoms	Workplace Plan	What is needed to return to work?
#1	No close contact with a person who has been tested positive for COVID-19 or with an employee who traveled domestically	No symptoms	No quarantine needed; COVID-19 test is not required.	Employee can return to work. If employee takes COVID-19 test they can return to work while awaiting test results.
#2	Employee traveled internationally or took a cruise	No symptoms	Employee will be required to remain out of the workplace for 10 calendar days once they return to Memphis.	The employee can return after 10 calendar days. No medical clearance is required if employee has been symptom-free during the 10 days.
#3	No Close-contact with Covid-19 confirmed positive or Employee travelled internationally/cruise or domestically	Symptomatic (Flu-like symptoms)	The employee will be required to remain out of the workplace until all of the following criteria have been met: -10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared -24 hours have passed with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications -Other symptoms have improved	The employee can return after 10 calendar days are completed. Medical clearance required. Preferably dated 2 days or less prior to return to work. and symptoms have improved.
#4	Close-contact (less than 6ft for more than 15 mins) with confirmed Covid-19 positive	No symptoms	Employee will be required to remain out of the workplace for 14 calendar days since estimated last date of contact <u>OR remain out of the workplace for 10 calendar days if the person has not developed any symptoms and</u>	The employee can return after 14 calendar days are completed <u>OR 10 calendar days if the person has not developed any symptoms and also tests negative for the virus.</u>

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			<p>also tests negative for the virus. (Household contact: If an employee is a close contact to a positive case inside the home and the contact cannot separate from the case within the home, the contact must quarantine for the case's (minimum) 10-day isolation period plus an additional 10-14 days.)</p> <p>An employee who has had COVID-19 within the past 3 months is not required to remain out of the workplace as long as he or she has recovered and remains without COVID-19 symptoms.</p>	(Household contact: Employee can return after 20-24 calendar days). Medical clearance required. Preferably dated 2 days or less prior to return to work and symptoms have improved.
#5	Confirmed Covid-19 positive	No symptoms	Employee will be required to remain out of the workplace until 10 calendar days have passed since his or her positive test.	The employee can return after 10 calendar days are completed. Medical clearance required. Preferably dated 2 days or less prior to return to work and symptoms have improved.
		Symptomatic (Flu-like symptoms)	<p>- The employee will be required to remain out of the workplace until all of the following criteria have been met:</p> <p>-10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared</p> <p>-24 hours have passed with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications</p> <p>-Symptoms have improved</p>	

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MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, employers are permitted to require a healthcare provider's note to verify that employees are healthy and able to return to work. Employees will be asked to provide medical clearance to their supervisor or division designee based on division protocols.

One of the following will qualify as medical clearance:

- Negative Covid-19 test result
- Release from Shelby County Health Department
- Return to work from healthcare provider
- City Employee Wellness Clinic Covid-19 Form

Note: Any City of Memphis employee who makes a false statement of material fact in connection with his or her job, including a misrepresentation or falsification of diagnosis or illness will be in violation of policy PM 38-02 and may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination.

City employees who have tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 10 days or are displaying cold, flu-like, or any other symptom listed by the CDC, are not, under any circumstances, permitted to report to work, enter a City facility, appear at a City sanctioned event in any capacity, or physically engage with City employees who are not members of their household.

TESTING AT CITY OF MEMPHIS EMPLOYEE CLINIC

City of Memphis employees can be tested at our employee clinic at 1520 Union Ave, Memphis, TN 38103. Please note, employees who go to the clinic and state they have been exposed to or in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person will be quarantined for 14 days. CDC guidelines define exposure to a COVID positive person as contact less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes.

If an employee does not meet this definition, they should ask for "Asymptomatic" testing at the clinic.

If you are sending a work group of 3 or more to be tested, please call in advance so the clinic can prepare. Call 901-725-9055.

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OJI PROCEDURE

At work exposure – full time	At work exposure – part time
1) Report to Sedgwick 877-576-1911	1) Report to Sedgwick 877-576-1911
2) Advise employee to call 636-6800	2) Advise employee to call 636-6800
	3) Advise employee to apply for FFCRA
	4) Code employee admin if they have already exhausted 80 hours FFCRA

GENERAL GUIDANCE PROCEDURE

1. **PPE and Safety:** We require that any City employees on premises must wear appropriate masks/or face coverings.
2. **Dealing with Covid-19 Illness:** The employee is required to notify City of Memphis HR of the diagnosis as a public health precaution by calling benefits at 1-901-636-6800.
3. **Compassionate Culture:** Division Leadership create and instill a culture of compassion, empathy and support for returning employees.
4. **Employee Groups in The Workplace:**
 - Employees must disinfect their work area according to division procedures at the beginning of the work shift and before completing the work shift.
 - Discontinue use of community items: microwaves, refrigerator, utensils and coffee makers (including single use systems).
 - Discourage group and celebratory lunches when possible. If food is ordered it must be individually wrapped.
 - Encourage limited clutter on work spaces for easy cleaning of hard surfaces (e.g. remove paper from desk nightly).

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VACCINATIONS

At this time, vaccinated persons should continue to follow current guidance listed in PM 46-04 to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands often, following [CDC travel guidance](#), and including guidance related to personal protective equipment use or SARS-CoV-2 testing.

However, vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to [quarantine](#) if they meet all of the following criteria[†]:

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria should continue to follow current [quarantine guidance](#) after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

If you have questions concerning contact tracing, or are not sure what to do for Covid-19 related issues please contact:

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