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Updated Ougrantine and Isolation Guidance for Employers

| Reporting to Work III | Updated Quarantine and Isolation Guidance for Employers Employees shall not report to work with fever, cough, difficulty breathing or other upper respiratory symptoms. | |
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| COVID-19 Isolation Guidance* | All staff, regardless of vaccination status, need to follow isolation recommendations if they test positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Staff member should stay home for 5 days. If staff member has no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days, the staff member can return to work. Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. If staff member still has a fever, continue to stay home until their fever resolves and other symptoms are improving. *Guidance is different for staff who qualify as Healthcare Personnel – please consult CDC website. | |
| COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance | For staff that: | Staff may return to work, but must wear a mask around others for 10 days. Staff member should test on day 5, if possible. If the staff member develops symptoms they should get a test and stay home. Staff member should stay home for 5 days. After that staff member may return to work but should continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. Staff member should test on day 5 if possible. If staff member develops symptoms they should get a test and stay home |
| Additional guidance for Employers | It is important to follow CDC guidance and allow staff to stay home when sick to slow the spread of COVID-19. To alleviate the stress on health care systems, please consider allowing: The use of Test lowa home tests, and home rapid tests to report COVID illness. Presume employee is positive for COVID-19 if household member is positive, and employee is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Forego the requirement of a doctor's note in order to stay home to isolate/quarantine. Continue to promote COVID-19 mitigation efforts: Encourage staff to get vaccinated and boosted when eligible. Encourage mask use within indoor public buildings. Promote social distancing of staff and customers in establishment/business. Clean frequently touched areas often with disinfectant. Remind staff to wash hands often and provide hand sanitizer on site. | |

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