

Notes from the Health Officer

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Guidance for Healthcare Facilities with HCP Diagnosed with COVID-19

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/HCWCaseGuidance.pdf>

Healthcare Facilities with a HCP Diagnosed with COVID-19 should do the following:

- Determine all the days the employee worked on or after symptom onset.
- If the employee did not report any symptoms, determine all the days they worked on/after date of COVID-19 testing.
- Identify any patients and other employees who had close contact with the employee. Close contact is defined as spending more than a few minutes within 6 feet of the employee with confirmed COVID-19.
- Patients who have been discharged should be notified and instructed to quarantine for 14 days after their exposure.
- Patients who remain hospitalized should be isolated and placed on Standard, Contact, and Droplet Precautions with Eye Protection for 14 days after their last exposure.
- Consider work exclusion of asymptomatic employees determined to be close contacts of a known COVID-19 case. If this is not possible, the employees who continue to work should wear surgical masks for their entire shift for 14 days after the exposure and should undergo daily symptom and temperature monitoring while continuing to work.
- Employees who become symptomatic during monitoring should be excluded from work.

Online: www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

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