

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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COVID-19 Guidance

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Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Guidance Recommendations

- 1) If you **test positive** for COVID-19 and are **symptomatic**:
 - Stay home and away from others for five (5) days from the date your symptoms began.
 - You can return to work on day 6 if you are fever-free for 24 hours and your symptoms are improving.
- 2) If you **test positive** for COVID-19 and are **asymptomatic**:
 - Stay home and away from others for five (5) days from the date of your positive test.
 - You can return to work on day 6 if you are fever-free for 24 hours and your symptoms, if any develop, are improving.
 - Day 0 = the date of a positive test if you are asymptomatic.
- 3) If you were **exposed** to someone who tested positive for COVID-19:
 - If symptoms of COVID-19 develop, stay home.
 - If asymptomatic, you do not need to isolate, however, continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 10 days after exposure.
 - Exposure = within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes within 24 hours.
 - Follow the guidance above if you test positive or have symptoms of COVID-19.
- 4) Unlike CDC guidance, this guidance **does not** rely on wearing facial coverings in a community setting.
 - There is not strong evidence that facial coverings reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses.
 - Businesses are advised to **no longer require** facial coverings for employees, as there is no proven significant clinical benefit for facial coverings among the general population.
- 5) This guidance does not preclude **properly trained individuals, for example, nurses and doctors**, from using personal protective equipment when required by an employer, notwithstanding Section 381.00317, Florida Statutes.

Sources:

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