

EXPOSURE & SYMPTOMS PROTOCOL for City of Hattiesburg Essential Employees

KNOWN EXPOSURE

WITH SYMPTOMS

(temp >100.4, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell)

Sent home for isolation pending results, unless severe symptoms (ER)

If COVID testing returns positive:

Home isolation until no fever for 72-hours without antipyretics (a fever reducer) AND improved symptoms AND it has been more than 7 days since the onset of symptoms.

If COVID testing returns negative:

May return to work with mask and once daily temperature/symptom check for 14 days past last known exposure as long as afebrile (without fever) for >24 hours

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

May return to work with mask and once daily temperature/symptom check for 14 days past last known exposure

If COVID testing returns positive:

Home isolation until no fever for 72 hours without antipyretics (a fever reducer) AND it's been more than 7 days since the testing was done.

If symptoms develop after testing was done, then home isolation until no fever for 72 hours AND improved symptoms AND it's been more than 7 days since the onset of symptoms

If COVID testing returns negative: Must continue with mask and monitoring at work for 14 days past last known exposure

NO KNOWN EXPOSURE

Symptomatic city employees are tested for COVID-19, optional for asymptomatic

WITH SYMPTOMS

(temp >100.4, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell)

May not return to work until COVID-19 test returns negative AND patient is afebrile (without fever) for 24 hours:

If positive: treat as above.

If negative: no mask required.

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

If testing not done, patient may work without mask.

If testing done, work with mask until results available.

If positive: treat as above

If negative: no mask required

This exposure and symptoms protocol was developed by the City of Hattiesburg with input from the Hattiesburg medical community and according to Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.