RETURN TO CAMPUS/WORK FLOWCHART FOLLOWING A COVID-19 RELATED ABSENCE

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*For Pre-K – 12 Schools and Day Care Programs Refer to IDPH COVID-19 Interim Exclusion Guidance: www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-COVID-19-Exclusion-Decision-Tree.pdf

Individual Had Close Contact with Someone Who Tested Positive or is Suspected of Having COVID-19

Individual Tested Positive or is Suspected of Having COVID-19 AND Had Symptoms

Individual Tested
Positive for COVID-19,
But Had NO Symptoms

Individual Exhibits One or More Symptoms of COVID-19, But is Not Suspected of Having COVID-19

Individual Returns from International Travel











May Return After 14-Day Quarantine Period from Date of Last Contact with Individual

Symptom-Based Strategy

May Return After:
(1) At Least 10 Days
Have Passed Since
Symptom Onset;
and

(2) At Least 24
Hours Since
Resolution of Fever
and Improvement of
Other Symptoms

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Time-Based Strategy

May Return After At Least 10 Days Have Passed Since Date of First Positive COVID-19 Test

OR

Test-Based Strategy**

May Return After
Two Negative
COVID-19 Tests in
a Row, With Testing
Done At Least 24
Hours Apart

Some Examples:

Allergies, Pre-Existing Conditions, Ear Infection, Flu, Strep Throat

May Be Possible to
Return in Fewer than 10
Days After Onset of
Symptoms and 24 Hours
Fever Free if Alternate
Diagnosis or if Allergies
or Pre-Existing Condition
(provided not new onset
of symptoms and
symptoms are
attributable to
allergies/condition).

Recommend: Evidence of Alternative Reason for Symptoms and/or Release to Return to School/Work Recommended 14-Day
Quarantine from Date
of Return from Travel,
But Consult Local
Health Department for
Applicability or
Possible Shorter
Quarantine Protocol

For All of the Above:
Return Based on
Release from Health
Care Provider Would
Also Apply
Subject to Change:
Follow Any Updated
Guidance From CDC,
IDPH or Local Health
Department

Test-Based Strategy**

May Return After Two Negative COVID-19 Tests in a Row, With Testing Done At Least 24 Hours Apart

**Per CDC and IDPH, this is no longer recommended in the majority of cases except for severely immunocompromised individuals or to discontinue isolation protocols sooner than under the symptom or test-based strategies. Consult with local health department.

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