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COVID-19 Update

CSC Staff who have familial/household contact with COVID-19 symptomatic or positive test person

For the purpose of this COVID-19 update, familial/household contact is defined as any person residing in the same residence as the CSC staff member. This includes but is not limited to spouses, partners, roommates, children, and extended family residing in the household.

CSC staff members are required to be excluded from the workplace if a familial/household contact (i.e. someone who shares the same residence) develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19.

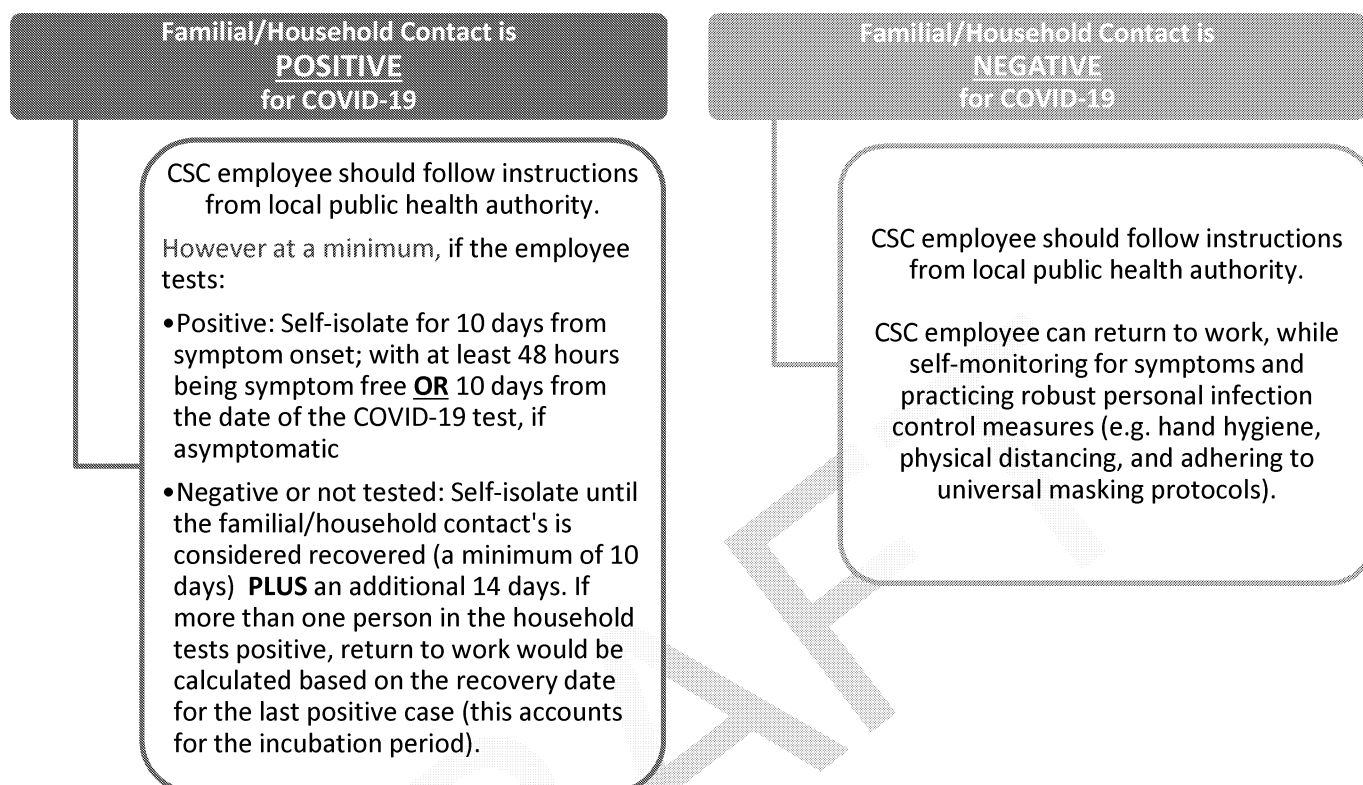
Effective isolation within a familial/household setting can be challenging for various reasons. Given these challenges, should a CSC staff member's familial or household contact test positive for COVID-19, the need for contact tracing will be reviewed by the National Contact Tracing Unit (NCTU) on a case by case basis.

The following procedures have been developed for staff exclusion from the workplace:

- Upon a familial/household contact developing any symptom(s) or a receiving a positive COVID-19 test result, those living in the residence who work at CSC will be asked to stay at home and advise their manager that they have a symptomatic or COVID-19 positive individual in their residence. The staff and their household contacts should isolate themselves from the symptomatic/COVID-19 positive individual in the home as much as possible and implement enhanced cleaning and infection control practices.



- Based on the COVID-19 test result, the self-isolation requirements for that individual and their asymptomatic household contacts (if employed by CSC) are as follows:



The procedures for exclusion from the workplace detailed above **must be followed as the standard**. Any variations in the return to work timeline for an asymptomatic CSC staff of a familial/household contact (detailed above) must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the National Contact Tracing Unit Lead.

For those staff members who have dependents (or other household contacts) that are sent home from school or work because of being identified as a contact of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, the staff member must contact and follow the instructions of the local public health authority. If the staff member is not instructed by public health to be tested or to self-isolate, efforts should be made to minimize the staff member's workplace footprint. Best practice would be to have the employee work remotely, however, should that not be a viable option, consider having them work in areas that permit minimal contact with both staff and inmates for a minimum of 14 days.

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Information on how to self-isolate at home

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has developed a resource that offers practical advice for [how to self-isolate when you may have COVID-19](#), including how to limit contact with others, what measures can be taken to avoid contaminating other people or household surfaces, and what supplies to have at home when isolating. A similar resource has been developed for [asymptomatic individuals who are self-isolating as a result of a potential exposure to COVID-19](#) and for individuals [caring for a person with COVID-19 at home](#).

Additional advice about self-isolation is available from local or provincial public health authorities.

Considerations for returning asymptomatic household contacts to work earlier than what is described above

If concerns are raised about the length of the self-isolation period (minimum of 24 days) for the asymptomatic household contact(s), the individual circumstances can be reviewed by the National Contact Tracing Unit Lead on a case-by-case basis to determine if there are opportunities to bring asymptomatic staff back to the workplace sooner. This may only be considered in exceptional circumstances and, in most cases, the procedure detailed on Page 2 should be followed.

If there is an exceptional circumstance identified that suggests a need for the asymptomatic household contact(s) to return to work, the Contact Tracing Area Lead will contact the affected staff member by telephone to obtain self-isolation details for review by the National Contact Tracing Lead. The purpose of the conversation is to evaluate the potential health and safety risk to the offenders and staff at the institution if the household contact(s) were to return to work.

For any questions please contact, the National Contact Tracing Unit Lead Dan Heurter at Dan.Heurter@CSC-SCC.GC.CA.

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