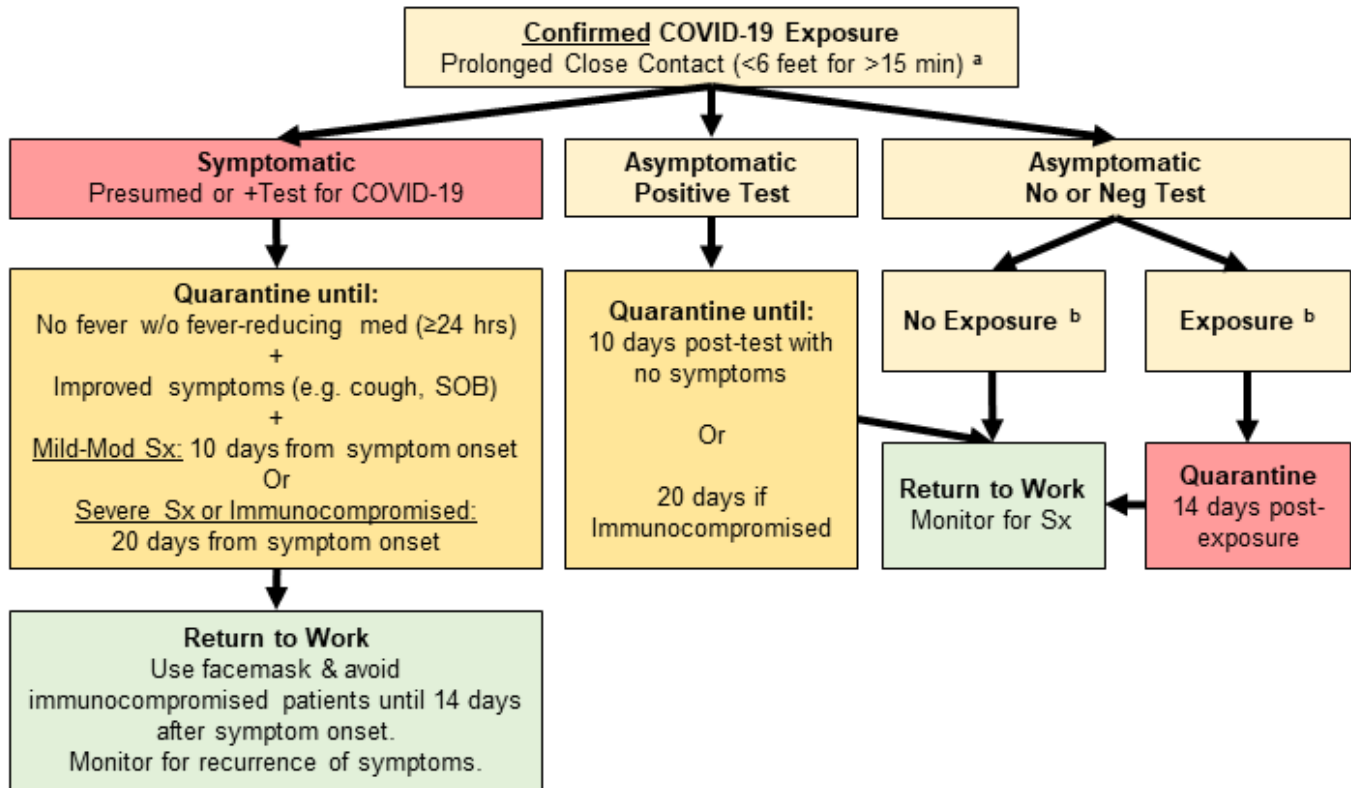


COVID-19 Guidance on Return to Work for EMS Personnel

EMS personnel should contact their occupational health provider or PCP for specific return to work guidance. This information does not override agency policy or occupational health determinations and is provided for informational purposes based on guidance from public agencies. For further details, refer to:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html>
- PA DOH: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/HAN/2020-PAHAN-516-07-18-UPD%20-%20UPDATE-Return%20to%20Work%20for%20Healthcare%20Personnel.pdf>



a) Description of Prolonged Close Contact:

- HCP with brief interactions <15 min are considered No Exposure regardless of PPE use.
- HCP with prolonged close contact (<6 feet for >15 min) with COVID-19 + individual, follow guidance above.
- Any duration exposure should be considered prolonged if it occurred during aerosol-generating procedure.
- For household exposure, quarantine clock starts after last household exposure or after person with COVID-19 is released from isolation.

b) Definition of an Exposure:

No Exposure

[Any procedure] + [Provider respirator & eye shield & gown & gloves]
[Patient mask] + [Provider mask]

Exposure

No provider mask
[No patient mask] + [Provider mask but No eye shield]
[Aerosol generating procedure] + [Provider Not wearing respirator & eye shield & gown & gloves]