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

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

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

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

**Symptom-Based Strategy**

May Return After:
(1) At Least 10 Days Have Passed Since Symptom Onset;
**and**
(2) At Least 72 Hours Since Resolution of Fever and Improvement of Respiratory Symptoms

OR

**Test-Based Strategy**

May Return After: (1) Fever Free;
(2) Improvement in Respiratory Symptoms; **and**
(3) Two negative COVID-19 Tests in a Row, At Least 24 Hours Apart

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

**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

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

Some Examples: Seasonal Allergies, Ear Infection, Seasonal Flu, Strep Throat, Migraine, Etc.

*May Be Possible to Return in Fewer than 10 Days After Onset of Symptoms and 72 Hours Fever Free*

*Recommend: Evidence of Alternative Reason for Symptoms and/or Release to Return to School/Work*

## Individual Returns from International Travel

May Return After 14-Day Quarantine from Date of Return from Trip

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

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