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Introduction
Part 2 Recap

Today’s meeting is being recorded and will be available following the event.

Part 2 Recording available at: https://youtu.be/2hcxx15d5bM
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Common Questions Answered
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01. Can anyone receive a COVID-19 diagnostic test who wants one?

02. If return to work decisions depend on testing, how can employers access testing for their employees?

03. At what frequency should COVID-19 diagnostic testing be done? If someone tested negative but showed symptoms a few days later, should they be tested again?

04. What are your thoughts on antibody testing?
Common Questions Answered

05. Can you explain what the sensitivity and specificity of antibody testing means, including what they are for the test that Atrium Health will use?

06. What does it mean if a test has received an EUA from the FDA? Is it important to use a test that has been issued an EUA?

07. If an employee who was confirmed positive is cleared and returns to work, do they need to follow the same protective guidelines as those who have not yet been exposed?

08. As our states slowly ease stay-at-home orders, is it still advisable to have as many employees as possible continue to work from home?
WORKSITE EXPOSURES
Current Guidance

What We Know as of Today

New information is being uncovered daily. We’re moving fast to align with guidance at all levels:

• Local
• State
• National
Worksite Exposures

Best Ways to Avoid Worksite Exposure

Identify job activities/circumstances that could put employees at risk for exposure.

- Groups who commute together in work trucks without wearing masks
- Workers with high risk medical conditions
Worksite Exposures

Best Ways to Avoid Worksite Exposure

Evaluate all options to make the workspace safe for employees.

- Screening employees each day before they arrive
- Requiring appropriate Personal Protective Equipment
- Having employees wipe down workstations/work vehicles
- Having cleaning staff wipe down high touch areas
- Ensuring breakrooms are not areas for socializing and limiting breakrooms to two employees at a time
- Encouraging employees to bring their own utensils/plates
Worksite Exposures

Best Ways to Avoid Worksite Exposure

Encourage employees to self-declare if they have a family member or close contact who has become a patient under evaluation for COVID-like symptoms.

- Employees should be encouraged to remain home in self-isolation until they know the patient’s status

  + If positive, your employee should not report to work and should self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14-days prior to returning to work

  - If negative, the employee may enter the workforce again
What constitutes as the CDC definition of a COVID-19 “close contact”?

1. Being within 6-feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more without a face covering.

2. Having unprotected direct contact with secretions or excretions of a COVID-19-positive person (being coughed on, touching used tissues with a bare hand).
What to Do if Worksite Exposures Occur

When considering a workplace exposure, those individuals that need to be under surveillance must meet the close contact definition.

Nasal swab PCR testing is recommended 4 to 7 days after exposure. Testing would need to be done sooner if employee becomes symptomatic.

Per the CDC, a negative test does not change the course of those who fall under the close contact definition.
What to Do if Worksite Exposures Occur

Those meeting the close contact definition must be sent home immediately.

Home isolation for 14-days and self-monitor daily for fever and symptoms

Exception - for essential workers, who will need further discussion of risk and benefit
Update on COVID-Safe for Employers Testing & Screening
Symptom Checker Tool

Celebrates protect workforce from COVID-19 occupational exposure by allowing employees to record the presence or absence of COVID-19 symptoms before reporting to work.

- A brief digital screening survey about COVID-19 symptoms is accessed via link or QR code
- Employees complete the survey each day before work
- Employers can pull a report of results in real-time
- Atrium Health Employer Solutions is providing this tool at no charge to employers

Questions: Covid19RTW@AtriumHealth.org
Worksite Exposure Management

Provides expert guidance to help employers determine what level of exposure their employees have sustained, then monitors identified employees until cleared to return to work.

- Our clinical consultant helps identify exposed employees who require self-isolation/monitoring
- Employees will be monitored virtually using telemedicine
- Employees will be referred for testing 4-7 days after exposure, or sooner if symptoms occur
- Employees will be cleared to return to work after 14 days if no signs/symptoms

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On-Site Antibody Testing

Delivered by a team of highly trained professionals, this service brings high-quality antibody testing directly to your worksite.

- The most reliable COVID-19 antibody blood testing available
- Participants will be screened prior to testing for everyone’s safety
- Testing will be administered by venipuncture (drawing blood from a vein)
- Employers will receive a report with all test results following the event

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Closing & Q&A

Ruth Krystopolski & Megan Heiar
Questions?
Thank you.