

Ways You Can Protect Your Employees During COVID-19



COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets and aerosols.

- If your employee has COVID-19, they can easily spread it to your customers and other employees, getting them sick.
- You can take proactive steps to reduce spread at your business. These include cleaning, wearing masks, physical distancing, and allowing sick employees to stay home.



Some of your employees may get sick while at work. You should take steps to protect them, your other employees, and customers.

- If an employee develops symptoms while at work, they should go home immediately. Your employee should isolate at home, wear a well-fitting mask if they must be around others, and get tested.
- To stop the spread of COVID-19, regularly clean and disinfect the workplace, wear well-fitting masks, and maintain physical distancing.



Keeping sick people away from healthy people is one of the best tools we have to stop the spread of COVID-19.

- If your employee tests positive for COVID-19, they should stay in **isolation for at least 5 days**. Day 0 is the first day symptoms began or the day that the positive COVID-19 test was taken (if they don't have symptoms). They should also wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days after they end isolation.
- If your employee is exposed to COVID-19, they should quarantine for at least 5 days if they are not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines and wear a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days after they end quarantine. If they are up to date with vaccines, they do not need to quarantine but should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 full days.



Resources to help you protect your employees' health:

- **Next steps after exposure:** www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/close-contacts.htm
- **Information on isolation:** www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/diagnosed.htm
- **Guidance for businesses, employers, and workers:** www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm

Allow your employees to remain home when sick or while in quarantine. This will lead to a safer and more productive workforce.

