**Return to Work or School Guideline After a COVID-19 Related Absence**

1. **Close Contact**
   - Tested Positive or is suspected of having COVID-19 and exhibited Symptoms
   - **May Return After**
     - 14-day quarantine from date of last contact with individual
   - **OR**
     - 10 days without a test or 7 days with a negative test on day 6 or 7, with Health Department approval.
   - **OR**
     - Negative test done on day 3-5, if vaccinated.

2. **Tested Positive**
   - Or is suspected of having COVID-19 and exhibited Symptoms
   - **May Return After**
     - At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset
     - - AND -
     - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever and improvement of other symptoms
   - **OR**
     - Two negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart
     - Test-Based Strategy*

3. **Tested Positive**
   - For COVID-19 but exhibited NO SYMPTOMS
   - **May Return After**
     - At least 10 days have passed since date of first positive test
     - Time-Based Strategy

4. **Exhibits Symptoms**
   - But is not suspected of having COVID-19
   - **May Be Possible To Return**
     - In fewer than 10 days after onset of symptoms and 24 hours without fever.
     - - AND -
     - Evidence of alternative reason for symptoms and/or doctor release to return to work/school

5. **Returns from International Travel**
   - **May Return After**
     - Follow CDC Guidelines for after arriving in the United States

**For All Situations:**
A return to work/school based on release from a health care provider would also be valid.

Follow any updated guidance from CDC, IDPH, or local health department.

*Test-Based Strategies: Per CDC and IDPH, these strategies are no longer recommended in the majority of cases except for severely immunocompromised individuals or to discontinue isolation protocols sooner than under the symptom or time-based strategies. Consult with local health department.