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

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

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

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

Individual Returns from International Travel







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



Time-Based

Strategy
May Return After
At Least 10 Days
Have Passed
Since Date of First
Positive COVID-19
Test



Test-Based Strategy

May Return After
Two Negative
COVID-19 Tests in
a Row, With
Testing Done At
Least 24 Hours

(3) Two negative COVID-19 Tests in a Row, At Least

24 Hours Apart

(2) Improvement in Respiratory Symptoms; and

Test-Based Strategy
May Return After: (1) Fever Free;

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

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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