

Quarantine Guidelines for COVID-19

- A confirmed case of COVID-19 must meet all 3 of the following conditions before returning to plant site: **1)** must not have fever for 24 hours without the aid of medication. **2)** other symptoms must be improving. **3)** 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms.
- An unconfirmed case, defined as someone with COVID-19 symptoms but unconfirmed by a test, would need to meet the same criteria as a confirmed case before returning to the plant site. If the individual tests negative **OR** receives another diagnosis for their symptoms from their doctor **OR** is released by their doctor without a referral to test, **AND** in all cases no longer has symptoms, they **may** be allowed to return before 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms. These decisions will be made on a case by case basis.
- Anyone exposed to a confirmed case will need to wait 14 days after their last exposure to an infectious (or contagious) person before returning to the plant site. The 14-day clock would start after the last exposure to the confirmed case or when the confirmed case is no longer infectious (or contagious) as defined in the first bullet (10 days after onset of symptoms, no fever for 24 hours without medication, other symptoms improving).
- A potential exposure or an exposure to an unconfirmed case (e.g. someone who is symptomatic but has not tested for COVID-19) will need to meet the same criteria as someone exposed to a confirmed case. If the unconfirmed case receives another diagnosis from their doctor to explain their symptoms, a negative COVID-19 test, or is released by their doctor without a referral to test for COVID-19, the exposed person **may** be allowed to return to the plant site sooner than the 14-days required of exposures to confirmed cases. These decisions will be made on a case by case basis.
- Exposure is defined as having close contact with an infectious (or contagious) person with a confirmed or unconfirmed case. Close contact is defined by CDC guidelines as being within 6 feet of an infectious (or contagious) person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or longer within a 24-hour period; or having direct contact with infectious secretions (e.g. coughed on).
- **In all cases the employer should consult with their contract administrator for guidance.**