Figure 1: Serial testing and monitoring strategy for HCP who return to work following COVID-19 exposure

From COVID-19 HAN #18

HCP with COVID-19 exposure

Symptomatic?

Yes

Immediate exclude from work. Refer for COVID-19 testing

No

Baseline COVID-19 test

Negative test

Return to work
- Daily temperature and symptom monitoring
- Facemask worn at all times while working
- Minimize contact with persons outside of work and continue quarantining when at home.

Positive test (see note) OR symptomatic

Continue serial testing every 72 hours for 14 days

Negative serial tests and asymptomatic

Release from monitoring and cease serial testing if no new exposures

Positive test (see note)

Asymptomatic HCP with a positive antigen test should be excluded from work and receive confirmatory molecular test as soon as possible.

Asymptomatic HCP with negative confirmatory molecular test may return to work.

Note on antigen testing

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