TN Department of Health

COVID-19 Exposed, Asymptomatic Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance

This guidance includes expectations for critical infrastructure workers who may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, and currently have no symptoms.

Critical infrastructure employees <u>may continue to perform the essential functions of their jobs, provided</u> <u>the recommendations below are followed to reduce risk</u>. Except for these essential work duties, these individuals should be quarantined at home to avoid potentially transmitting COVID-19 to others.

This guidance does <u>not</u> apply to people who have tested positive for COVID-19.

This guidance pertains to critical infrastructure workers, including personnel in the following categories:

- Law enforcement, public safety and other first responders
- Food and agriculture
- Energy
- Water and wastewater
- Transportation and logistics
- Public works and infrastructure support
- Communications and information technology
- Other community/government-based operations and essential functions

- Hazardous materials
- Financial services
- Chemical
- Defense industrial base
- Commercial facilities
- Residential/shelter facilities and services
- Healthcare/Public Health
- Hygiene products and services
- Critical manufacturing

For more information on identifying critical infrastructure workers, please visit: <u>https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version 3.0_CISA_Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructur</u> <u>e_Workers_1.pdf</u>

Pre-Screen

Employers should measure the employee's temperature and assess symptoms prior to them starting work. Ideally, temperature checks should happen before the individual enters the facility.

Regular Monitoring

As long as the employee doesn't have a temperature or symptoms, they should self-monitor under the supervision of their employer's occupational health program.

Wear a Mask

The employee should wear a face mask at all times while in the workplace for 14 days after last exposure. Employers can issue facemasks or can approve employees' supplied cloth face coverings in the event of shortages.

Social Distance

The employee should maintain 6 feet and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.

Disinfect and Clean Work Spaces

Clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment routinely.