



## Rapid Increase of Omicron Variant Infections in the United States: Management of Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure

CDC Recs

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[https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/pdf/CDC\\_HAN\\_460.pdf](https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/pdf/CDC_HAN_460.pdf)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QmABN\\_IRNw-repndD-1NpvBCtoOxx3wW/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QmABN_IRNw-repndD-1NpvBCtoOxx3wW/view?usp=sharing)

### *Healthcare personnel with higher-risk exposure*

- *Personnel who have received all COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses as recommended by CDC.* Under conventional strategies, asymptomatic healthcare personnel who have received all COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses as recommended by CDC do not need to be restricted from work if they have had a higher-risk exposure but do not have symptoms. They should follow all [recommended infection prevention and control practices](#) and isolate immediately if they develop symptoms. Under [conventional strategies](#), such personnel should be tested for SARS CoV-2, per CDC guidance. Under [contingency or crisis strategies](#), testing is not required, and the duration of quarantine may be shortened.
- *Personnel who have not received all COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses as recommended by CDC.* Under conventional conditions, asymptomatic healthcare personnel who have not received all COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses as recommended by CDC, and who have had a higher risk exposure to SARS-CoV-2, can return to the workplace after day ten without testing, or facilities can limit the duration of work restriction under certain circumstances as outlined in [CDC guidance](#). Under [contingency conditions](#) such personnel can continue to work using a “test-to stay” strategy under certain circumstances. Under [crisis conditions](#), such personnel can continue to work without testing as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- Healthcare personnel who are exposed should use well-fitting respiratory source control all times while in the facility and follow all conventional, contingency, and crisis strategies and follow all [recommended infection prevention and control practices](#).