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Today's Issue:

- **CDC – Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions & Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19**
- **ISDH – COVID-19 Information for Long Term Care Facilities**

CDC Updates

Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings

Summary of recent changes:

- Except for rare situations, a test-based strategy is no longer recommended to determine when to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions.
- For patients with [severe to critical illness](#) or who are severely [immunocompromised](#), the recommended duration for Transmission-Based Precautions was extended to 20 days after symptom onset (or, for asymptomatic severely [immunocompromised](#) patients, 20 days after their initial positive SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test).
- Other symptom-based criteria were modified as follows:
 - Changed from “at least 72 hours” to “at least 24 hours” have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - Changed from “improvement in respiratory symptoms” to “improvement in symptoms” to address expanding list of symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- A summary of current evidence and rationale for these changes is described in a [decision memo](#).

Complete Information: Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions (*updated July 17, 2020*): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html>

Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Suspected or Confirmed

COVID-19

Summary of recent changes:

- **Except for rare situations, a test-based strategy is no longer recommended to determine when to allow HCP to return to work.**
- For HCP with [severe to critical illness](#) or who are severely [immunocompromised](#), the recommended duration for work exclusion was **extended to 20 days after symptom onset** (or, for asymptomatic severely [immunocompromised](#) HCP, 20 days after their initial positive SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test).
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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html>

ISDH Update

The COVID-19 Information for Long Term Care Facilities has been updated effective 07/24/2020. The updated information: [COVID-19 Information for Long Term Care Facilities](#). Complete Long Term Care COVID-19 information is available at: www.coronavirus.in.gov/2399.htm.