



COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants and other Workplaces

Restaurants and other businesses have the potential to be impacted by COVID-19 cases among employees. In addition, these businesses may have employees who are contacts to COVID-19 cases in either the work setting or as a result of non-work exposures. MSDH provides the following general guidelines for restaurants and other workplaces to limit COVID-19 transmission in the workplace.

- If you have an employee that tests positive for COVID-19,
 - The positive employee should isolate at home for a full 10 days. https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/9915.pdf
 - Identify employees who were close contacts to the case. Unvaccinated close contacts should quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts who are vaccinated do not require quarantine. See details regarding quarantine at the following website : https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/9914.pdf
- Unvaccinated close contacts to COVID-19 cases may continue to work if you deem them essential as long as they monitor for symptoms daily, remain asymptomatic, and wear a mask at all times while at work.
- If you have multiple cases of COVID-19 in your facility at one time and your ability to operate your business safely is compromised, you may wish to consider additional mitigation measures.
- Encourage all unvaccinated employees and staff to get vaccinated for COVID-19
- Encourage all unvaccinated employees and staff to wear masks while at work.

Additional guidance can be found on the CDC website at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>