

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 among patrons or employees:

- 1. Contact Summit County Public Health at 970-485-4824.**
 - a. Have ready the name, contact information, and schedule of days worked for the confirmed ill employee and the same information for any close contacts. A close contact is someone that was within 6' for 15 minutes or more.**
 - b. Do not share the confirmed positives information with staff unless the case has given permission for their results to be shared. This is private information that is protected under HIPPA laws. Public Health will guide you through next steps needed for contact individuals that need to be isolated or quarantined.**

- 2. Don't panic! If an employee has symptoms and goes to get tested, businesses may not need to shut down while waiting for test results. Summit County Public Health will discuss this decision with you.**

- 3. When a business has a confirmed outbreak (two positive cases epidemiologically linked to a facility in a two week period), they may not necessarily have to close. Working with Summit County Public Health is an important step in determining what actions should be taken.**
 - a. Sometimes a period of closure may be necessary to complete a deep cleaning/disinfecting of the facility, but closure may not always be required and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
 - b. Make sure that you are keeping a complete list of employee's names, contact information, and schedules. These will need to be provided to Public Health for contact tracing.

- 4. Most importantly, we must all work together to mitigate the risk of an outbreak occurring in our communities and businesses.**
 - a. Encourage employees to stay home from work when sick and get tested for COVID-19 to avoid potentially exposing other employees or patrons to COVID-19. Per the Summit County Business Physical Distancing Protocol (PDP):
 - i. If test is negative, the employee should be excluded from working until 72 hours after fever ends (without fever reducing medicines) and other symptoms are improving.
 - ii. If test is positive, the employee must be excluded from working for 10 days after symptom onset OR 72 hours after fever ends (without fever reducing medicines) and other symptoms are improving, whichever of these is longer.

We are seeing that a cause of coworkers being placed on quarantine and outbreaks in our community has been due to employees coming to work while sick. Incentivizing sick employees to stay home from work is an important step in limiting transmission.
 - b. Employees that are exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case should be excluded from work, and remain away from work for at least 14 days from the last contact with the confirmed COVID-19 case.
 - c. It is important that businesses continue to follow the Summit County Business Physical Distancing Protocol, educate employees and patrons about correct physical distancing

behavior, and ensure that everyone wear face coverings when inside businesses or when outside and unable to maintain six feet from others.

- 5. As capacity continues to expand, asymptomatic testing for COVID-19 has become available. Asymptomatic testing for COVID-19 is available for individuals in high-risk professions, such as health care workers and first responders; as a part of contact tracing for public health surveillance; in the context of a COVID-19 outbreak; and finally for those who have been in a group of greater than 10 people where physical distancing and/or face coverings were not utilized. Testing information is available [here](#).**
 - a. People that have questions about antibody testing can refer to our new video on our webpage <https://youtu.be/ZL13-i29QO8>.
- 6. For more information about Summit County's COVID-19 response, updated case data, testing options and locations, and more, visit www.summitcountyco.gov/coronavirus.**