



## Coronavirus COVID-19

# Helping your employees who may have been exposed to COVID-19

**We need your help. Due to the volume our hospital is currently experiencing, we are asking employers to please follow these guidelines if you suspect that an employee or multiple employees have been exposed to COVID-19.**

**Patients without active symptoms, who do not require emergent care, are asked to avoid coming to the Emergency Room to be tested for COVID-19.**

**Please see below for tips on how to best assist employees at this time.**

**Ask these questions:**

1. Have they traveled to any of the “hot spots” in GA or other areas?
2. Have they been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 or anyone currently awaiting test results?
3. Do they have the following common symptoms?
  - a cough
  - shortness of breath
  - a fever >100

**If you suspect an employee has been exposed to coronavirus and they are showing mild symptoms, please take these measures:**

Have them **CALL** their primary care physician’s office to discuss symptoms and possible exposure. If they do not have a primary care physician they can **CALL** the Walk-in Clinic at 912-383-6966 (8am-8pm) seven days a week, to have a phone screen. The healthcare provider providing the screen will then work with the Georgia Department of Public Health to determine if a COVID-19 test is required. Following this procedure and **CALLING** the healthcare provider will limit the exposure to others should this individual indeed test positive for COVID-19. Once tested it is very important for the individual to self-quarantine, at their home away from others, until the test results are returned. While at home the individual should be prepared to treat the common symptoms of COVID-19 which include fever, cough, and respiratory congestion. It is important to know that if this individual is experiencing **shortness of breath or respiratory distress** please have them report to the nearest Emergency room or call 911. **Be sure to make all those who come into contact with this individual aware of their suspected condition so they can take precautions to not contract the possible COVID-19.**

For further information regarding COVID-19 refer to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or the Georgia Department of Public Health <https://dph.georgia.gov/> More info can be found at [www.CoffeeRegional.org/coronavirus](http://www.CoffeeRegional.org/coronavirus)

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