



Jefferson County

Public Health Department

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County Health Authority

AMENDMENT AS OF May 11, 2023

Jefferson County Employee COVID-19 Policy

County employees are highly likely to come in contact with a Covid-19 source at some point in time. This policy is hereby implemented for all Jefferson County employees, not otherwise excluded as indicated below, who shall abide by this policy:

The following employees are excluded from this policy: Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Institution Personnel (other than clerical staff).

The CDC encourages everyone to receive a COVID-19 vaccination and any vaccine boosters that have been medically proven safe and effective.

Exposure:

Per CDC Guidelines, exposure is considered in the following situation:

- (1) Close contact with someone infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in a way that increases the likelihood of getting infected with the virus.

Close Contact:

Per CDC Guidelines a close contact is considered in the following situation:

- (1) Someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

If you become symptomatic, you must be tested and if positive you must quarantine as stated below for "Positive for COVID-19." If negative, continue to self-monitor for symptoms listed below. If you would like to be tested for COVID-19 after an exposure please call Employee Health to schedule an appointment.

At home tests are not an approved test at this time. Approved tests are antigen test/rapid screening test done by Employee Health or a medical provider who is required to provide documentation to the County Health Department. If testing is done by a provider other than Employee Health, proper documentation of a negative test result must be provided to the employee's department head or designated personnel.

The following symptoms have been found in people with the Covid-19 virus:

99°F or above Headache Cough Shortness of Breath Loss of Taste or Smell
Diarrhea Fatigue Muscle Aches Sore Throat Nausea/Vomiting Chills

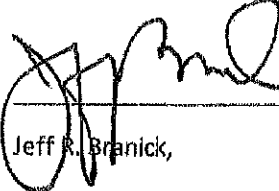
Positive for Covid-19

- o If you test positive for Covid-19 by an approved antigen test/rapid screening test, you must stay at home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. You may end isolation and return to work after day 5 if you are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and symptoms have improved.
- o When you return to work, the CDC recommends you to wear a mask for 5 additional days.

The Employee Health Clinic (409-784-5881) will help employees of Jefferson County facilitate appointments and/or test for the COVID-19 virus. Please call your primary care physician for needed medication/treatments or at any point regarding your COVID-19 health concerns.

Questions regarding employee policies/leave must be directed to the Jefferson County Human Resources Department.

Effective May 11, 2023 at _____.



Jeff R. Branick, County Judge

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