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Subject: Re: One last question before you go!
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Hi Nikki,

A negative test does not get anyone out of the 14 day quarantine. That is because the test is just for that day and you can become positive anytime from 2-14 days after exposure. If they get tested in 3-5 days and test negative, they could still test positive. And if they do test positive at a later date, then they have to start the isolation which is the 10 days from symptom onset and no fever for 3 days, OR if asymptomatic then 10 days isolation. Both of those scenarios end up longer time off. The epidemiologist at PHMDC recommends testing when symptomatic or complete the 14 day quarantine for least time off.

Here is the link to our factsheet:

https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/employee_testing_positive.pdf

I know it is not the answer you were hoping for...

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On Jul 16, 2020, at 6:01 PM, Nikki Javurek wrote:

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Hi Bonnie,

I just got a call from a business leader who is asking: "If someone you work with tests positive for COVID-19 and PHMDC does contact tracing and calls you to say that you were identified as someone in close contact with the person who tests positive so you have to quarantine for 14 days, is there a point where you can get tested and if it comes back negative then you can go back to work?"

I know on Monday's call they said that the ideal to wait to get tested if you've come in contact with someone who tests positive is 3-5 days, so if they wait 5 days and the test comes back negative, could they go back to work? This is coming from a business whose employees generally live paycheck to paycheck so eating up the 14 days with the potential of another quarantine if they or someone else gets sick later is a scary situation for many of their employees. Let me know your thoughts!

Thanks,

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The Greater Madison Chamber team is working remotely to serve you. We are here to help you navigate the rapidly changing business landscape of COVID-19. We are responding to emails and calls as we would regularly and can be reached during our normal business hours. Staff contacts can be found [here](#) or you can email our [general inbox](#).

We have launched a virtual portal for employers to be able to submit questions related to COVID-19 and its impact on business. To submit or vote up questions, visit [Slido.com](https://www.slido.com) and enter the event code #ASK4BIZ or simply click [here](#) to be directed to that page. Questions can also be submitted via email at ask@madisonbiz.com. We will post responses on the Chamber's website [here](#).

Above all, stay healthy. We are all in this together. We appreciate the collaboration and, if you are able, we urge you to support Greater Madison businesses.