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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Treatment Information for Employers

As an employer, we understand that you are concerned about your employees' health with the increased spread of the COVID-19 illness. Please know that Abbeville Area Medical Center is also concerned and is taking all measures necessary to screen for and treat cases of COVID-19.

Below you will find information regarding what you should do when an employee is sick and when you should send them to their doctor or the hospital.

- 1) Not everyone who comes to the hospital will be screened for COVID-19. There are testing requirements that have to be met.
- 2) If an employee is having the symptoms listed below they should be told to self-quarantine for at least one-week. They should NOT come to the hospital or doctor's office unless their symptoms are severe or worsen.
 - Fever (100 degrees or higher)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Myalgia (muscle pain)
- 3) People who come to the hospital but are not screened for COVID-19 are told to stay out of work for at least one week and self-quarantine. They will NOT be given a return to work form. However, an appointment can be scheduled at the Healthcare Center seven days later (864-366-1770) to obtain a Return to Work form. If the employee is showing no symptoms the day of their scheduled appointment, they should proceed to the appointment as scheduled. However, if they are still exhibiting symptoms, they should call ahead to inform staff and they will be routed accordingly.
- 4) If symptoms worsen, they should call the hospital or their physician's office to answer screening questions prior to coming for testing and/or treatment on their own. If they develop **emergency warning signs** for COVID-19 they should get **medical attention immediately**. Emergency warning signs include*:
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion or inability to arouse
 - Bluish lips or face

**This list is not all inclusive. Consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.*

AAMC has established a COVID-19 screening line (864)-366-1770 that is available Monday - Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. If you suspect an employee may need to be seen, please call this number for further instructions.

For any general questions regarding Coronavirus please call the DHEC care line at 855-472-3432 between the hours of 8:00am – 6:00pm seven days a week.

MUSC Health (<https://campaigns.mushealth.org/virtual-care/index.html>) and Prisma Health (prismahealth.org/virtual-visit) are also offering a free virtual visit when you use the promo code "COVID 19."

Helpful resources for employers

The link below contains COVID-19 related guidance for businesses:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-business-response.html

Updated information will also be available on a regular basis at AbbevilleAreaMC.com

For questions regarding employee health needs, contact Jennifer Moore at 366-7920 or by email at jennifermoore@AbbevilleAreaMC.com

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