RE-TESTING MEASURES

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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The CDC updated its isolation guidance based on the latest science about COVID-19, showing that people can continue to test positive for up to 3 months after diagnosis and not be infectious to others.

Contrary to media reporting today, this science does not imply a person is immune to reinfection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in the 3 months following infection.

The latest data simply suggests that retesting someone in the 3 months following initial infection is not necessary unless that person is exhibiting the symptoms of COVID-19 and the symptoms cannot be associated with another illness.

For those who develop new symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the 3 months after the date of initial symptom onset, if an alternative reason cannot be identified by a provider, then the person may warrant retesting.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick, sneezing or coughing.

It may be up to the dispossess of employers/certain personnel to get retested earlier on, and the only way to mitigate COVID-19 is by getting the vaccination.