

<p>Letter for return-to-work after being symptomatic without testing or monitoring program enrollment (NM RETURN TO WORK SYMPTOMATIC)</p>	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>In alignment with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Northwestern Medicine has suspended outpatient testing for COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) effective 3/28.</p> <p>Patients with COVID-19 who have symptoms and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue home isolation under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); • Other symptoms have improved (for example, when cough or shortness of breath have improved); and • At least seven days have passed since symptoms first appeared. <p>@PATIENT@ has met the above criteria, and is therefore cleared to return to work.</p> <p>For additional information on how to plan, prepare and respond to COVID-19, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html</p>
<p>Letter for return-to-work after confirmed positive (NM RETURN TO WORK CONFIRMED POSITIVE)</p>	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>In alignment with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Northwestern Medicine has suspended outpatient testing for COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) effective 3/28.</p> <p>Patients who have COVID-19 with symptoms present and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue home isolation under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; • Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and • Negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized molecular assay for COVID-19 from at least two consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected ≥24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).

	<p>Northwestern Medicine is unable to provide repeat testing at this time.</p> <p>In absence of repeat testing, individuals with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms may discontinue home isolation when at least seven days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test and have had no subsequent illness.</p> <p>@PATIENT@ has met the above criteria, and is therefore cleared to return to work.</p> <p>For additional information on how to plan, prepare and respond to COVID-19, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html</p>
<p>Letter for return-to-work after graduating from monitoring program (NM RETURN TO WORK POST MONITORING)</p>	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>In alignment with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Northwestern Medicine has suspended outpatient testing for COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) effective 3/28.</p> <p>NM has implemented a COVID-19 Monitoring Program which provides for daily check-ins with patients across the system who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who, based on symptoms, could have COVID-19. @PATIENT@ has transitioned from this program after no longer reporting fever and only mild symptoms for three days AND more than 7 days have passed since symptom onset.</p> <p>@PATIENT@ has met the above criteria, and is therefore cleared to return to work.</p> <p>For additional information on how to plan, prepare and respond to COVID-19, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html</p>