

Case Study and Questions

Pamela, a certified nursing assistant (CNA) contracted a moderate to severe case of COVID-19 and was hospitalized for three days. Upon returning home, she remained weak and short of breath for a few more weeks. She gradually returned to her previous level of function, walking 1-2 miles a day. She also slowly regained her appetite and her energy level. She wishes to return to work.




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- Under what conditions may Pamela return to work (does she need to have two documented negative COVID-19 test results, or may she return to work based on resolution of all symptoms and 14 or 20 days of isolation)?



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- ▶ May Pamela work with any/all residents, or must she work with COVID-19 positive residents (work on the COVID unit)? If so, for how long?



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- ▶ Does Pamela need to wear full PPE based on her previous (recent) COVID-19 positive status, or does her use of PPE depend on the status of the residents in her care, using the same protocols as other staff members?



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