COVID-19 Decision Tree for the Food Industry

**Symptoms**
- Fever (100.4°F or above)
- Chills/Repeated shaking with chills
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Chest Pain
- Out of the ordinary tiredness
- Bluish lips or face
- Muscle pain
- Runny nose/Nasal congestion
- Sore throat
- Lost sense of smell or taste
- Gastrointestinal problems (diarrhea)

**Close Contact**

*What is considered Close Contact:*
- Household member.
- Intimate partner.
- Individual providing care in a household without using recommended infection control precautions.
- Individual who was directly coughed on.
- Individual who spent 15 minutes or more within 6 feet or less of the positive individual that did not wear a facemask to block respiratory secretions from contaminating others and the environment.

**CDC Precautions (Talk to your local Department of Health)**
- Employers should measure the employee’s temperature and assess symptoms before the individual enters the facility every day.
- Employee should self-monitor under the supervision of their employer’s occupational health program.
- The employee should wear a face mask or employer approved cloth face covering at all times while in the workplace.

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**Decision Tree Diagram**

1. **Employee develops symptoms at home or at work.**
   - Is this the only employee that developed symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 48h?
     - No
       - **Employee is tested for COVID-19. NOT allowed to work until results come back negative.**
     - Yes
       - **Employee allowed to return after approved by the local health provider, Department of Health or after employee has:**
         - No fever for 72h (without the use of medications).
         - No other symptom when returning to work.
         - 10 days or more have passed since the symptoms first began.
       - **Consider shutting down the operation for 48h.**
   - Has the employee been working in a tightly confined space/area within last 48h of showing symptoms?
     - No
       - **Employee allowed to continue working.**
     - Yes
       - **Evacuate and close off the space where employee was working for 24h.**

2. **Employee is tested for COVID-19.**
   - Can you work without this employee?
     - No
       - **Ask employee(s) to continue self-monitoring.**
     - Yes
       - **Talk to your local Department of Health. Ask if employee can work if CDC precautions are followed for the next 14 days since the last exposure.**

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**Additional Notes**

- **See Symptoms**
- **See Close Contact**
- **See CDC Precautions**