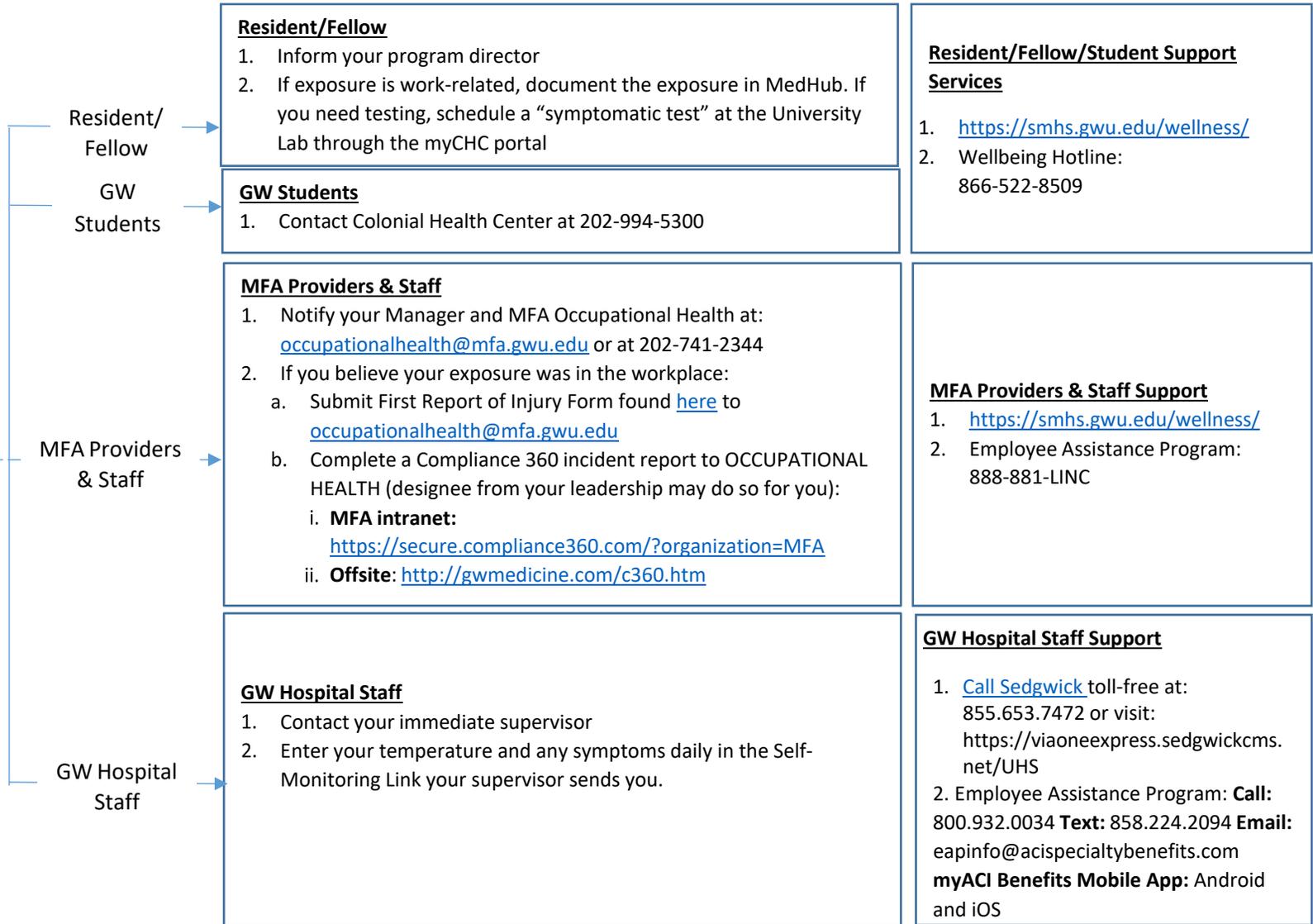


**Healthcare Personnel COVID-19
Exposure or Positive Notification**

Healthcare Personnel are **required to report** any exposure* or if positive for COVID-19



***Exposure** = contact in a healthcare setting with a COVID-19 positive person (source) within 6 feet for **≥15 minutes** and all community exposures (see page 2). Vendors, contractors and visitors may also be involved in an exposure.

Note: Contractors should immediately contact their employer, as well as notify their GW contact and provide ongoing information on response to exposure.

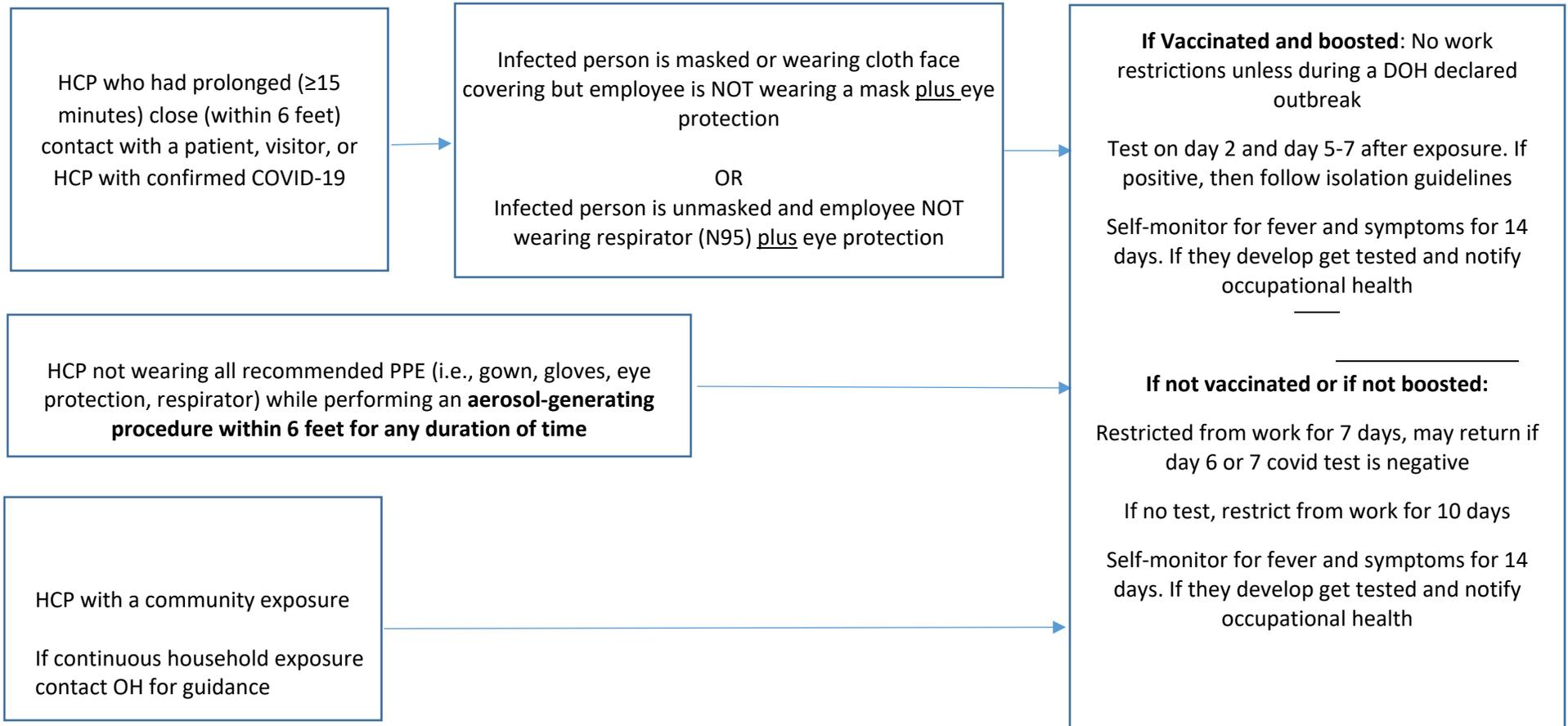
For questions or advice, contact your Occupation or Employee Health, or send a TigerConnect message to “MFA COVID-19 Consult”

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GW guidance adheres to and summarizes DC Health requirements. For additional details, please reference the full DC Health guidance document:

HCP working in Maryland or Virginia should follow local regulations and consult with their organization (see page 1)



*Testing is done at the MFA Clinic for MFA and University HCP. Testing is done at the Hospital for Hospital employees (for work-related exposures).

HCP = Healthcare personnel.

Facemask = Medical facemask worn at all times to include break-times with co-workers. We recommend taking breaks outside or staggering eating for safety.

Respirator = N95 mask, or PAPR or equivalent

Eye protection = HCP must wear eye protection (i.e. goggles or face shields) when (1) close proximity to patient's head/neck region for >5 minutes is expected, (2) exposure to secretions or aerosolization is expected, or (3) patient is COVID-19+ or under investigation (including performing COVID-19 testing).

Self-monitoring = Checking temperature twice daily, monitoring for respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste/smell). Reports symptoms on the GW online tracking system.

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1. Contact your healthcare provider for management of COVID-19 illness
2. Follow CDC self-quarantine guidance, with your specific instructions coming from your employer's Occupational or Employee Health:
 - Stay home except to get medical care & notify doctor in advance that you have COVID-19
 - Separate from other people and pets in home
 - Wear a facemask & cover coughs and sneezes
 - Clean commonly touched surfaces
 - Seek medical attention right away if illness worsens (SOB)
 - Do not return to work until you receive clearance from your employer's Occupational or Employee Health

When cleared for return to work:

- Wear facemask at all times
- Strict adherence to hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene
- Self-monitor for symptoms and seek reevaluation for any new or worsening symptoms

Symptomatic at any point:

Healthcare Personnel are excluded from work and need to isolate until:

HCP with mild to moderate illness who are not severely immunocompromised:

At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **AND** at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND** symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.

HCP with severe to critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised:

At least 10 days and up to 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **AND** at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND** symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved. Consider consultation with infectious disease experts.

Then return to work WITH clearance from your employer's Occupational or Employee Health.

Asymptomatic (never had symptoms, even if mild):

Healthcare Personnel are excluded from work and need to self-quarantine until:

HCP who are not severely immunocompromised and were asymptomatic throughout their infection:

At least 10 days have passed since the date of the specimen collection of their first positive SARS-CoV-2 RNA test.

OR After 7 days if remaining asymptomatic and negative COVID antigen test on day 6 or 7

For severely immunocompromised HCP who were asymptomatic throughout their infection:

At least 10 days and up to 20 days have passed since the date of the specimen collection of their first positive SARS-CoV-2 RNA test.

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