**SYMPTOMATIC CASES**

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**ASYMPTOMATIC CASES**

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If the HCP develops symptoms, they should self-isolate and use follow instructions above for "symptomatic cases."

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Adapted from the Tennessee Department of Health

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Examples:
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• A case that is well on day 7 and afebrile and feeling well for 72 hours can be released on day 10 and may return to work.

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