

Resident Absence Types

Requirements	Type of Absence	Fully Immunized Residents	Unimmunized/Partially Immunized Residents	Outbreak/Resident in Isolation
Medical mask required (as tolerated), follow IPAC measures, active screening on return	ESSENTIAL MEDICAL/ COMPASSIONATE/PALLIATIVE	Permitted		
	DAY ABSENCES – ESSENTIAL (<24 hours)*	Permitted		
	DAY ABSENCES – SOCIAL (<24 hours)*	Permitted		Not Permitted
	TEMPORARY – SOCIAL (Overnight)	Permitted		Not Permitted
	OFF-SITE GROUP EXCURSIONS	Permitted		Not Permitted

Note: Refer to Return from Day Absences chart for current testing and quarantine requirements.

*A short walk in the immediate area is **NOT** considered a social absence provided there was no contact with others.

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TESTING & ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ABSENCES

MEDICAL, PALLIATIVE, COMPASSIONATE, ESSENTIAL, SOCIAL	
<p>SHORT TERM (DAY) & TEMPORARY (OVERNIGHT) ABSENCES</p>	<p>Active screen, PCR test on day five following the absence. No isolation is required unless a positive result is received or the resident is symptomatic. If a timely PCR test is not available, two rapid antigen tests 24 hours apart may be used as an alternative.</p> <p>Residents that go on absences on a daily or frequent basis are to have a laboratory-based PCR test on the same day, two times per week (for example, PCR on Tuesday; and PCR on Friday).</p> <p>If a resident is up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines and has a known exposure to a case while on their absence, they must be treated as a high-risk contact and isolate until their day five PCR test is negative.</p> <p>If a resident is not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines has a known exposure to a case while on their absence, they must be treated as a high-risk contact and isolate for 10 days and have a day five PCR test.</p>

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Residents within 90 days from a COVID-19 infection that occurred since Dec 20/21 are exempt from testing and isolation requirements assuming no symptoms.

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