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Good afternoon. As we head into 2022, sending along some updates on COVID-related regulations and changes to training requirements for DSPs. While the training changes are straight-forward, the COVID regs. are, as always, a moving target. Please let me know what questions you have and we'll try to help find the answers.
Thanks & Happy New Year!

David

Updated CDC Guidance for Healthcare Workers, including DSPs - from DODD

From the CDC, "Due to concerns about increased transmissibility of the [Omicron variant](#), this guidance to enhance protection for healthcare personnel (HCP), patients, visitors, and to address concerns about potential impacts on the healthcare system given a surge of COVID-19 infections. These updates will be refined as additional information becomes available to inform recommended actions."

In addition, the CDC has clarified work restrictions for healthcare workers in conventional, contingency, and crisis levels. This information can be seen in the diagram below and the [Interim Guidance for Managing HCP with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure](#).

Work Restrictions for HCP With SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure

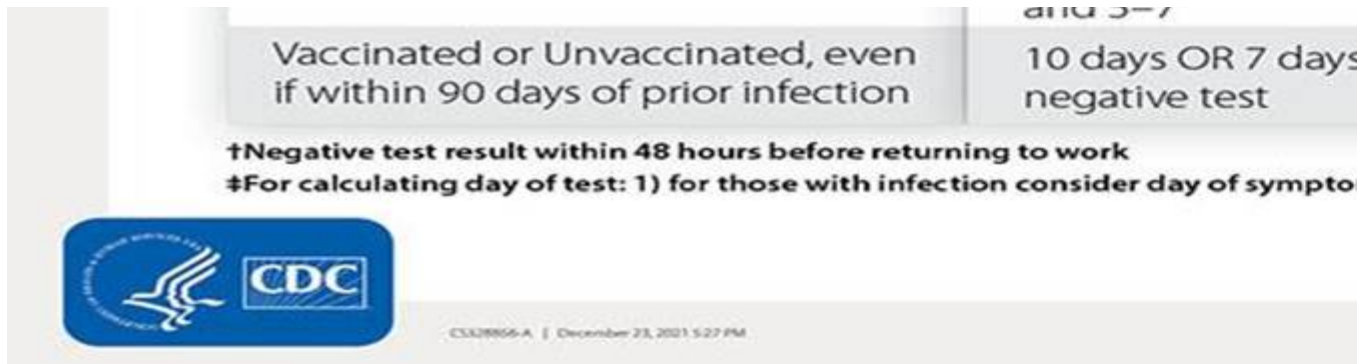
HCP are considered "boosted" if they have received all COVID-19 vaccines. HCP who are "boosted" are considered "vaccinated" or "unvaccinated" if they have NOT received a booster.

For more details, including recommendations for healthcare workers with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure, see the [Interim Guidance for Managing HCP with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure](#) and [Staffing Shortages \(contingency and crisis standards\)](#).

Vaccination Status	Conventional
Boosted, Vaccinated, or Unvaccinated	10 days OR 7 days negative test*, if asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic, or improving symptoms

Work Restrictions for Asymptomatic HCP

Vaccination Status	Conventional
Boosted	No work restrictions if asymptomatic and negative test on days 1-5 and 5-7



Because the CDC considers direct support professionals (DSPs) in the same risk category as healthcare personnel; intermediate care facility (ICF), agency, and independent providers should read and take into consideration the recommended actions.

The CDC has also released emergency guidance for healthcare facilities to prepare for staffing shortages due to an Omicron surge: [Strategies to Mitigate Healthcare Personnel Staffing Shortages](#).

Changes to DSP and Independent Provider Training on DODD MyLearning

On January 1, 2022, the training sections of the agency waiver provider and independent provider rules go into effect (OAC [5123-2-08](#) and [5123-2-09](#)).

Due to this change of rule, the current Eight-Hour Provider Training will be archived* and six new role-based online courses will be available in DODD MyLearning the morning of December 31. They are listed below. [Click here to view a screenshot](#) of the new MyLearning homepage.

- DSP of waiver services – Initial
- DSP of waiver services – Annual
- Independent provider – Initial
- Independent provider – Annual
- DSP at an ICF/IID – Initial
- DSP at an ICF/IID – Annual

*A record of completion will always appear on learner transcripts, available by clicking “Transcripts and Completions” at the top menu bar of DODD MyLearning.

Reminder: The new provider certification rules require that independent providers and DSPs providing waiver services use online courses or curriculum provided by DODD for initial training and two of the eight hours of annual training. Agencies and training organizations can use the PowerPoints and videos located [here](#) to provide in-person training or training through their online systems.

For help accessing DODD MyLearning or OH|ID, reach out to ITSCallCenter@dodd.ohio.gov.

For other questions about DODD training, reach out to training.team@dodd.ohio.gov.

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