Symptomatic worker: flowchart describing return to work following a SARS-CoV-2 test

- **Positive**: Complete self-isolation\(^2\) for 10 days
  - Clinical symptoms have improved and no fever for 48 hours\(^4, 5\)
  - Return to work

- **Negative**: Discussion with line manager and appropriate local risk assessment
  - Return to work when medically fit to do so
  - Repeat test based on clinical assessment

- **Inconclusive**: Request repeat test if onset of symptoms was less than 5 days ago
  - Complete self-isolation\(^2\) for 10 days from symptom onset
  - Clinical symptoms have improved and no fever for 48 hours\(^4, 5\)
  - Return to work

1. If the testing was done because the individual was identified as a contact via the test and trace system refer to Test and trace guidance
2. Refer to Stay at Home Guidance
3. Consider contacting the NHS online coronavirus service, or in a medical emergency dial 999
4. Without medication
5. If a cough or a loss of or change in normal sense of smell (anosmia) or taste is the only persistent symptom, workers can return to work if they are medically fit to return as these symptoms are known to persist for several weeks in some cases

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