If you are a business owner and one of your employees has tested positive for COVID-19, you may have questions about what you should do next. If the sick employee never came to work while showing symptoms, no action is required. If the sick employee **DID** come to work while showing symptoms, the County suggests you consider the following steps:

1. Cease operations, close your facility, and thoroughly sanitize it. Instructions for sanitizing your facility may be found at this link: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html). Your facility can reopen as soon as it has been sanitized.


3. Inform other employees that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and the day(s) on which the potential exposure occurred. If you take this step, you should also instruct your employees to closely monitor themselves for any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, coughing, and/or shortness of breath) for 14 days. They should also follow social distancing protocol (see [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx)).

You should consult your business’s legal and health advisors when implementing any part of this guidance.