

## COVID-19 Guidance

All guidance relating to Covid 19 was withdrawn for dentistry in May 2022, hence nothing is official now.

Guidance prior to that was if you had 2 negative tests 24 hours apart, on days 5 and 6, you could then return to work. If you were still testing positive on day 10, it was thought you would be unlikely to be infectious, so if you felt well enough, you could return to work.

It now depends on what your practice policy or protocol is. Nothing is mandatory now, but it would be prudent to stay away from others, team members and patients, especially those who may be vulnerable, until at least 6 days had elapsed, just as you would with any other contagious illness. It could be deemed a breach of GDC standards, and considered unprofessional, if you went into work knowing that you were testing positive for Covid 19 and were possibly infectious.

All asymptomatic testing ceased at the end of August 2022, but people should continue to test if they do have any Covid symptoms.

[Regular asymptomatic testing paused in additional settings - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)  
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