

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNICATIONS



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Austal USA Teammates,

As we continue to fight the battle with COVID-19, it is important that we all continue do the right thing for our community, our coworkers and ourselves. With that in mind, self-monitoring of symptoms is an important part of doing the right thing. As a reminder, employees should monitor themselves for symptoms before work and while at work. If you begin feeling bad at work, wear a mask and go to Austal Medical. If you have any of the following symptoms while at home, stay at home and contact your physician and Austal Medical:

- Persistent dry cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills / Repeated shaking with chills
- Fatigue
- New loss off taste or smell
- Sore throat

To clarify, if you have taken a COVID-19 test, please contact Austal Medical. Remember, you cannot return to work if you have taken a COVID-19 test. To return to work you must have a negative viral test (also known as the swab test or nucleic acid test). A viral test tells you if you have a current infection. Coordinate with your doctor to schedule a viral test. To view COVID-19 test locations in Alabama, [click here](#).

The [CDC](#) and [FDA](#) do not recommend the antibody test be solely used for diagnosing current virus infection. These tests are also known as the blood test or serological test. If you take the antibody test and test positive, you should not come to work. You must take the viral test.

As a reminder, if the results of the viral test are negative, work with your doctor to get a release to return to work. If the results of the viral test are positive, please continue to quarantine under your doctor's care and do not return to work until cleared by your doctor. In either case, please contact Austal Medical in advance of returning to work. You may either email or call Austal Medical at **251.445.8585** or Covid_19_medical@austalusa.com. You must be cleared by Austal Medical to return to work.

Again, these measures are to protect yourself and your Austal teammates. Please reference our updated [FAQs](#) for more information on antibody testing.

Thank you for your continued diligence and hard work. We'll all get through this together.

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