

CIF COVID Graduated Return to Play (GRTP) Progression for Acute Asymptomatic or Mild Infections

Instructions:

- This suggested CIF GRTP Progression applies only to an **acute** COVID asymptomatic or mild symptomatic infection (common cold-like symptoms with no fever or only low grade fever of <100.4° for <2 days, GI symptoms, or loss of taste/smell).
- This progression should be completed before returning to full competition.
 - o An adult (e.g. parent) or school personnel (e.g., certified athletic trainer, AD, coach) should monitor you during this progression.
 - This progression can vary if instructed by your physician/healthcare provider. Return-to-sport timeline is individualized and based on numerous factors including baseline fitness, severity and duration of COVID symptoms, and tolerance to progressive levels of exertion.
 - Unless there are special indications, a prolonged return-to-sport timeline is not supported by evidence and delayed sports participation can contribute to detraining, increased injury risk, and mental health concerns.
 - o The Isolation Period can vary depending on the severity of your illness and per California Dept. of Public Health and your local county.
 - https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx
 - If symptoms return at any time in this exercise progression, IMMEDIATELY STOP any physical activity and follow up with your physician/healthcare provider. You will need to be cleared by your healthcare provider to return to the GRTP Progression.
 - o Cardiovascular symptoms concerning for heart inflammation can include shortness of breath and chest pain, pressure, or tightness.
 - Seek medical attention if you feel uncomfortable at any time during the progression.

Days	Activity Description	Exercise Allowed	Objective of the Stage
Minimum 5 days isolation Day 0 = (+) test or onset of symptoms	Isolation Period: A. Stay home x 5 days; if no symptoms or if resolving symptoms AND (-) rapid antigen (or PCR) test collected on Day 5, can end isolation. Need to keep wearing well-fitting mask until after Day 10. B. Stay home x10 days if unable to test; if no symptoms or if resolving symptoms can end isolation after Day 10. C. If symptoms include a fever, need to continue isolation until no fever x 24 hrs; contact your physician for clearance. No increase in physical exertion until at least - 3 days after asymptomatic (+) test OR - 3 days from symptomatic infection if full resolution of symptoms (exceptions: loss of taste and smell, resolving cough).	 For at least the first 3 days after onset of (+) test or symptoms, activities of daily living (ADLs) and walking are okay Can progress activity intensity per stages below if able to remain isolated 	Recovery and/or prevention of symptoms to protect the cardiorespiratory system
	e without fatigue or breathlessness.		
1	Light aerobic activity	 15-20 minutes (min) of brisk walking or light stationary biking, light elliptical No resistance training 	 Increase heart rate to 50% of perceived maximum (max) exertion (e.g.,100 beats per min) Monitor for symptoms
2	Moderate aerobic activity Light resistance training	 20-30 min jogging, light biking, swimming Body weight exercises (squats, planks, push-ups), max 1 set of 10, ≤ 10 min total 	Increase load gradually Increase heart rate to 50-75% max exertion (e.g.,100-150 bpm) Monitor for symptoms
3	Strenuous aerobic activity Moderate resistance training Non-contact training with sport-specific drills	 30-45 min running, biking, swimming Weightlifting ≤ 50% of max weight Non-contact drills, sport-specific activities (cutting, jumping, sprinting) 	Increase load gradually Increase heart rate to > 75% max exertion Coordination and skiils/tactics Monitor for symptoms

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4	Limited to full practice including limited to full unrestricted contact	 Controlled drills including contact drills Normal unrestricted training (with contact) 	 Restore confidence and assess functional skills Assess readiness for full return to play Monitor for symptoms
5	Return to play (competition)	Normal game play (competitive event)	Return to full sports activity without restrictions

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