RETURN TO SCHOOL/WORK FLOWCHART
FOLLOWING A COVID-19 RELATED ABSENCE
August 2021

- **Individual Had Close Contact With Someone Who Tested Positive or is Suspected of Having COVID-19**
  - May Return After:
    - (1) 14-Day Quarantine Period from Date of Last Contact with Individual
    - (2) Release letter provide by local health department if sooner than 14 days from contact

- **Individual Tested Positive or is Suspected of Having COVID-19 AND Had Symptoms**
  - **Symptom-Based Strategy**
    - May Return After:
      - (1) At Least 10 Days Have Passed Since Symptom Onset;
      - (2) At Least 72 Hours Since Resolution of Fever and Improvement of Respiratory Symptoms
  - **Early Release**
    - Must provide early release letter from Local Health Department

- **Individual Tested Positive for COVID-19, But Had No Symptoms**
  - **Time-Based Strategy**
    - May Return After At Least 10 Days Have Passed Since Date of First Positive COVID-19 Test

- **Individual Exhibits One or More Symptoms of COVID-19, But is Not Suspected of Having COVID-19**
  - **Some Examples:**
    - Seasonal Allergies
    - Ear Infection
    - Seasonal Flu
    - Strep Throat
    - Migraine, Etc.
    - May Be Possible to Return in Fewer than 10 Days After Onset of Symptoms and 72 Hours Fever Free
  - **Early Release**
    - Must provide early release letter from Local Health Department
  - **OR**
  - **Recommend:**
    - Evidence of Alternative Reason for Symptoms and/or Release to Return to School/Work

- **Individual Returns from International Travel or Domestic Travel**
  - Travel is not currently recommended for individuals who are not yet vaccinated.
  - May be subject to a 14 day self-quarantine when traveling to High Risk areas

Self Report [Link Here](https://www.richland.edu/coronavirus/selfreport)