



Isolation/Quarantine and Contact Tracing Protocols

It is important for students to be informed of isolation processes when there is a positive or presumptive positive case, contact tracing protocols, and the expectations associated with quarantine, all of which can be found below. Please be aware that the College will continue to consult with public health officials and adapt guidance as needed.

Student Isolation Protocol for Confirmed or Presumptive Cases of COVID-19

A student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, is clinically stable, and has consulted with and received guidance from Health Services, is expected to return home for the isolation period until they are cleared to return.

Students returning home should be aware of the following CDC recommendations:

- ▶ Avoid public transportation, ride sharing, or taxis.
- ▶ Secure a ride home with one driver, ensure both parties wear masks, remain physically distanced as much as the space allows, and, if possible, keep windows open to maximize ventilation.
- ▶ As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from people and pets in your home.
- ▶ If possible, use a separate bathroom.
- ▶ Consider if returning home will put you in close contact with someone who is immunocompromised.
- ▶ Stay in touch with your own doctor/healthcare provider.

Additional information regarding what to do if you are sick or how to care for those who are sick can be found on the [CDC website](#).

Students should maintain contact with Health Services and will not be permitted to return to campus until at least ten days have passed since symptom onset, they have been fever-free for over 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, and their symptoms are improving. If students had a positive COVID test, but were never symptomatic, they will not be permitted to return to campus until 10 days after the date of their positive test.

Students unable to return home will be temporarily reassigned to alternative housing for isolation and will maintain ongoing contact with Health Services personnel.

Isolation is expected for any student who is symptomatic and awaiting test results.

Students with COVID-19 should be prepared to list anyone who is considered a close contact, since 48-hours prior to symptoms of illness onset to aid in mitigating the spread of potential illness.

Contact Tracing Protocol

Students identified as a [close contact](#) with a positive or presumptive positive case of COVID-19 are expected to cooperate with medical professionals and College officials in order to mitigate health and safety concerns as a condition of their continued participation in College activities.

Close contacts will be required to follow the quarantine protocol outlined below.

Additional information on contact tracing can be found on the [CDC Website](#).

Student Quarantine Protocol for Close Contacts of Possible Exposure

Students who have been identified as a close contact of someone with a positive or presumptive positive COVID-19 test are expected to return home, following consultation with and guidance from Health Services, and remain in quarantine for a two-week period (please refer to the above CDC recommendations regarding returning home).

Students unable to return home will be temporarily reassigned into alternative housing for quarantine.

Students in quarantine may be asked to complete additional testing based upon ongoing public health guidance.

Case management will occur for all persons with isolation or quarantine status and they will be offered access to coursework, mental health support, and assistance with basic needs, such as food.