COVID-19 IN THE CLASSROOM

An instructor guide for understanding what happens when a student is diagnosed with COVID-19 or identified as a close contact*.

If a Student Tests Positive

**Isolate**
The student will be instructed by medical and public health professionals to isolate for at least 10 days from their test date. The CDC offers the following guidance to complete the isolation process.

**Case Investigation**
U-M’s Environment, Health & Safety team will perform case investigation (to determine the case’s close contacts*) and notify them directly about their infection, instruct them to isolate and watch for development of symptoms.

**Notification**
If the student diagnosed with COVID-19 is enrolled in an in person class, a classroom notification will be sent by U-M officials to the class roster for general awareness. No action is required for those receiving a classroom notification as the majority of classes were set up to avoid close contact. Anyone with close contact* will be notified through contact tracing.

**Return to Class**
Students will be notified by EHS when they can return to class and resume other activities. This is generally 10 days after the date of their positive test so long as no fever for 24 hours, without fever reducing medications, and other symptoms are improving.

If a Student Is CONFIRMED as a Close Contact* (through case investigation or contact tracing)

**Quarantine**
Students who are close contacts will be instructed by U-M Contact Tracing Corps, EHS or Washtenaw County Health Department to quarantine for a recommended 14 days** from the date of exposure as determined as part of case investigation.

**If Symptoms Develop**
The student should isolate and seek evaluation immediately through University Health Service.

**No Notification**
Classroom notifications DO NOT occur for situations involving students confirmed as close contacts who attended in-person class (these individuals have not been diagnosed with COVID-19).

**Return to Class**
The student can return to class following the quarantine period, unless symptoms develop. Students should then be evaluated at UHS, and follow appropriate guidance.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

• Provide academic support during student’s isolation/quarantine period.
• Help direct your student to U-M resources (UHS, DOS, SSD, CAPS).
• DO NOT send notifications to the class roster; these will be sent as described above.
• Check out the COVID in the Classroom FAQ here: campusblueprint.umich.edu/faqs#classroom
• For additional questions, check in with your unit, department or school leadership, or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 734-936-7000 to reach U-M resources and support during the pandemic.

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*Close contact is determined by WCHD or EHS as part of a case investigation, and is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of a case for a total of 15 minutes or more in 24 hours starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic cases, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection).

**For some cases the duration of quarantine may be shortened to 10 days.