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 (EHS) team will perform a case investigation (to determine the case’s close contacts*) and notify them directly about their infection, instructing them to isolate and watch for development of symptoms. Instructors do not need to perform a case investigation.

Contact Tracing

Contact Tracing Corps will reach out directly to those identified as close contacts through case investigation and will provide information on next steps.

Return to Class

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

If a Student Is a Close Contact*

(through case investigation or contact tracing)

Quarantine

Students who are confirmed close contacts* will receive information from the Contact Tracing Corps about how to sign up for test delivery through University Health Service.

People who are not fully vaccinated should quarantine for 10 days (unless advised by EHS to quarantine for 14 days if concerns for variant exposure). They should test around day 5 after last exposure, or immediately if symptoms develop during quarantine.

Those who are fully vaccinated who have come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 and remain asymptomatic do not need to quarantine. They should test around day 5 after exposure, or immediately if symptoms develop.

If Symptoms Develop

The student should isolate and seek evaluation immediately through University Health Service. Testing is available Monday through Saturday.

Return to Class

The student may return to class following the quarantine period, unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, students should then be evaluated at UHS, and follow appropriate guidance.

Student has symptoms of an upper respiratory infection or COVID-19

TESTING

The student should obtain a COVID-19 test through UHS here.

If positive for COVID-19

The student should follow directions on how to isolate.

If negative for COVID-19

The student should remain home from school or work until fever-free for 24 hours without use of medication and symptoms have improved. Students are encouraged to stay home from all activities if they are sick.

WHAT CAN INSTRUCTORS DO?

- Provide academic support during student’s isolation/quarantine period or if they develop symptoms of an upper respiratory infection or COVID-19.
- Help direct your student to U-M resources (UHS, DOS, SSD, CAPS).
- DO NOT send notifications to the class roster.
- For additional questions, check in with your unit, department or school leadership, or call the Campus COVID-19 Call Center at 734-936-7000.

*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).