

COVID-19 STUDENT EXPOSURE/ILLNESS PROTOCOL - SPRING 2022

Student has been exposed or in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Student tests positive and has been physically present on campus.

Anyone with a positive test needs to:

- Isolate until at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset; AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND
- Other symptoms have improved

Student or Faculty/Staff member notifies Covidsafe@cos.edu with the following info: WHO: Student name, Banner ID, Preferred phone #,

WHAT: Report student with positive test results WHEN: Date they received positive test results & when they have been on campus since exposure WHERE: Which campus & classes have they attended since exposure.

Health Center implements contact tracing process.

Health Center communicates with students and provides follow-up to faculty member and dean/provost by the end of the next business day.

Student experiencing symptoms and has been physically present on campus.

Anyone experiencing symptoms should get a COVID-19 self-test as soon as possible and isolate.

Do not contact Covidsafe@cos.edu unless there is a positive test. Call your doctor if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have questions about your health. COVID-19 illness can be mild or severe. Symptoms can include: fever or chills; cough; trouble breathing; body aches; headaches; new loss of smell and/or taste; sore throat; runny or stuffy nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea; fatigue or feeling very tired. Call 9-1-1 for any severe trouble breathing,

confusion, or medical emergencies.

Positive Test

LET'S GET VACCINATED Refuse to Test

Student should be treated the same as an unvaccinated student below.

Negative Test

Student may return to class once they are no longer showing symptoms.

Vaccinated

Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask around others for 10 days after exposure. Fully vaccinated people should get tested 5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms. Maintain physical distancing and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people. Get tested if you develop signs/symptoms of COVID-19.

*Fully vaccinated individuals are up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations.

Unvaccinated

Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated and have had close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, should be tested on day 5 and quarantine for 5 days. Unvaccinated close contacts are required to quarantine for 5 days. Quarantine can end after day 5 from the date of last exposure without testing. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

*Unvaccinated or not up-to-date are individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated or eligible for booster and have not received it.

Others

If you have had COVID-19 illness within the previous 3 months and have recovered and remain without COVID-19 symptoms, you are not required to quarantine.





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