

Exclusion and Return to School for Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Persons with COVID-19-like Illness Per CDC Guidelines

For the purposes of this decision aid, COVID-19-like illness is defined as: Any 1 of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, **OR** At least 2 of the following: fever of 100 F or higher, chills or shaking chills, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and congestion or runny nose.

Person (student, faculty, staff) with **ONE NEW** cold-like illness symptom and/or fever **not** meeting the definition of COVID-19-like illness.

Exclude person from campus and allow return when clearance from a medical provider is received and symptoms have improved. If individual develops symptoms of COVID-19-like illness, follow processes below for person with COVID-like illness.

An **asymptomatic person** (student, faculty, staff) tests positive for COVID-19.

The asymptomatic person must stay home for 10 days from positive test.

Close contacts and members of their “pod” should stay home for 14 days* from the date of last exposure **even if they have no symptoms or they have a negative COVID-19 test done during quarantine.**

Person (student, faculty, staff) **with COVID-19-like illness.**

- Exclude person from school and request that they consult with their health care provider about testing for COVID-19 or whether there is another specific diagnosis.
- **The person must isolate pending test results or evaluation by their health care provider.**
- **Pending test results close contacts of the ill person and members of their “pod” should quarantine per [CDC guidelines](#).**

Person has positive test for COVID-19.

The ill person should stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND** until no fever for at least **48 hours** without fever-reducing medication **AND** improvement of other symptoms.

Person has negative test for COVID-19.

Health care provider documents that the person has a specific alternative diagnosis (e.g. influenza, strep throat, otitis) or health care provider documents that symptoms are related to a pre-existing condition.

The person should stay home until symptoms have improved, no fever for at least 48 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Close contacts and members of their “pod” DO NOT need to remain at home as long as they remain asymptomatic.

If a member of your student, faculty, staff household exhibits COVID-like symptoms or **has tested positive or is awaiting test results** for COVID-19;

- the ill person should stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND** until no fever for at least **48 hours** without fever-reducing medication **AND** improvement of symptoms and
- **all members of that household (including student, faculty, staff)** and close contacts of the ill person should stay home for 14 days* from the date of last exposure **even if they have no symptoms or they have a negative COVID-19 test done during quarantine.**

If the household member tests negative for COVID-19 then the student, staff, or faculty member may return to campus as long as they remain asymptomatic.

*Individuals potentially exposed to COVID-19 need to quarantine for 14 days, per CDC Guidelines, as symptoms may develop 2-14 days after exposure.