

Wingate University Health Center

COVID-19 Testing Policy

1. The Health Center will offer any patient requesting testing (whether symptomatic or not) the opportunity to be tested for current infection with Covid-19 via nasal swab, or for past infection (antibody test) via lab draw. The student or their insurance company will be billed for the cost of the test. Elective asymptomatic testing requests will be done as long as supplies are readily available, however, most insurance companies are not covering the cost of elective Covid-19 testing. Antibody testing is often not covered by many commercial health insurance plans. Any portion of the bill that is not covered by the student's health insurance, will be billed to the student's account.
2. The Health Center will conduct COVID-19 testing, as appropriate, on any patient that presents to the Health Center. The student or their insurance company will be billed for the cost of the test.
 - a. If a commuter student is awaiting test results for suspected COVID-19 or has tested positive, they will be asked to isolate at home (up to 10 days) until advised safe to return to classes by the Health Center or their healthcare provider. If the test comes back positive, the student will be given specific instructions from the Health Center on isolation procedures.
 - b. If a residential student is awaiting test results for suspected COVID-19 or has tested positive, they will be moved to an isolation space on campus, or they can go home to isolate if they choose. For students who must remain on campus, they will remain in the designated isolation space until cleared by the Health Center or their healthcare provider (up to 10 days). The Health Center or a designated staff member will make contact with the isolated student at least once daily by phone, text, or email. If the student's condition deteriorates in any way beyond the capabilities of the Health Center, the student will be sent to Atrium Health Union for further care. All meals will be brought to the student's room. The student will not be allowed to attend in-person classes, university gatherings, or in-habit any building on campus until cleared by the Health Center or their healthcare provider.
3. Students who test positive will be asked to provide a list of anyone they had close contact with from 48 hours prior to the time they became symptomatic. Close contact refers to anyone

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who was less than six feet from the infected person for more than 15 cumulative minutes within a 24 hour period.

4. If a student in a classroom develops symptoms or tests positive, other students in the classroom would not be considered a close contact unless they were within 6 feet of the person for more than 15 cumulative minutes within a 24 hour period.
5. Residential students who are determined to be a “close contact” of a positive case, who cannot go home, will be required to self-quarantine for up to 10 days in a location designated by the university. On day 10 of quarantine, as long as the student has remained asymptomatic, the student will be required to test for Covid-19, and must have a negative Covid-19 test in order to leave quarantine. Students should continue to social distance, wear a mask, and monitor themselves for symptoms until day 14 after leaving quarantine. Students that develop symptoms during their quarantine period should be tested immediately; this can be done at the Health Center. Students who have been told to self-quarantine, will have meals brought to their rooms and will not be allowed to attend in-person classes or in-habit any building around campus until cleared by the Health Center. If students prefer to opt for the 14 day quarantine period, they can do so. In this situation, they should be tested for Covid-19 5-7 days after their last exposure or upon symptom development. Close contacts will need to remain in quarantine for the entire 14 days even with a negative Covid-19 test.
6. Any asymptomatic close contact that tests positive will be required to isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test. Contact tracing will be completed on all positive tests.
7. For persons previously diagnosed with COVID-19 who remain asymptomatic after recovery, retesting is not recommended within 3 months after the date of symptom onset for the initial COVID-19 infection. In addition, quarantine is not recommended in the event of close contact with an infected person.
9. All patients who have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 are not required to quarantine if identified as a close contact. An individual is considered fully vaccinated once they are 2 weeks post receiving 2 doses of the Pfizer & Moderna vaccines, or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Any student that is 2 weeks post receiving a Covid-19 vaccine recognized by the WHO (World Health Organization) is also considered fully vaccinated, and not required to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact.

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Residential Students who test positive

1. Students who test positive may be housed in a single bedroom room/shared bathroom with other positive students.
2. Asymptomatic close contacts (roommates) can remain in their current housing situation as long as they have a private bathroom. If they use a hall or shared bathroom, or live in an area with community spaces such as a kitchen or living room, they may be moved to a separate quarantine location. If symptoms develop during the quarantine period (1-14 days), the symptomatic student should be tested for Covid-19 and moved to isolation housing if they test positive.
3. Any student asked to self-quarantine will have the option to go home to quarantine. However, students will have the option to quarantine and isolate on campus as needed.