



COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDANCE

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SCENARIO 1:

You tested positive for COVID-19.

Regardless of your vaccination status and regardless of whether or not you have symptoms.

STAY HOME AND SELF-ISOLATE.

Do not go to work or class for 5 days since your symptoms started, 5 days since your test date (if you have no symptoms), or as instructed by a contact tracer.

Submit a [COVID Notification Form](#) if you did not get your test result from the UW Husky Coronavirus Testing Program.

ENTER YOUR WA NOTIFY PIN.

Your contact tracer will give you a PIN number to enter in your mobile device to confidentially alert close contacts.

WEAR A MASK.

Wear a well-fitting surgical mask or KF94/KN95/N95 when around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (through day 10). Follow additional [CDC restrictions](#) for travel, eating, and other activities.

COMPLETE THE ELECTRONIC SURVEY.

The COVID-19 Response and Prevention Team will send you a link to a health survey prior to the end of your isolation period.

Did your symptoms improve after 5 days of isolation?

YES

NO

End isolation after day 5 if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved. Students in residence halls isolate for 7 days and have additional requirements.⁴

Remain in isolation until you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved. Contact covidehc@uw.edu with questions.

If you take a home rapid COVID Antigen (Ag) test at 5 days or after and it is positive you should continue isolation for a full 10 days.

SCENARIO 2:

You were in close contact² with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

Are current on COVID-19 vaccination and booster doses?

YES

NO

Do you have symptoms?

YES

NO

STAY HOME AND SELF-ISOLATE.

Do not go to work and/or class. Wear a well-fitting surgical mask or KF94/KN95/N95 when around others at home and in public.

GET TESTED IMMEDIATELY.

POSITIVE

FOLLOW SCENARIO 1.

NEGATIVE

You can return to work and/or class if all of the following apply to you:
1. Your symptoms are mild; and
2. Your symptoms have improved; and
3. You have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication.
If your symptoms are severe or getting worse, stay home, notify covidehc@uw.edu and consult a health care provider.

POSITIVE

FOLLOW SCENARIO 1.

NEGATIVE

Watch for symptoms and wear a mask around others outside of your household for 10 days since your last exposure. If you develop symptoms, follow instructions for vaccinated close contacts with symptoms in Scenario 2.

Will you have ongoing close contact (e.g., household member has COVID-19)?

YES

NO

Contact covidehc@uw.edu to receive additional guidance.

No further action is needed.

STAY HOME AND SELF-ISOLATE.

Do not go to work or class for 5 days since your last exposure or as instructed by the contact tracer. Watch for symptoms for 10 days.

GET TESTED AT LEAST 5 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE³

or immediately if you are unsure when you were exposed.

POSITIVE

FOLLOW SCENARIO 1.

NEGATIVE

You can leave home after day 5 if you have no symptoms. Wear a well-fitting, surgical mask or KF94/KN95/N95 when around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (through day 10).

Contact covidehc@uw.edu and read [CDC guidance](#) if you have ongoing exposure (e.g., household member has COVID-19).

Did symptoms develop during quarantine?

YES

NO

Notify covidehc@uw.edu and get tested immediately. Stay home for 5 days from symptom onset or as directed by a contact tracer.

You can return to work or class when you have completed quarantine.

SCENARIO 3:

You have a symptom(s) of COVID-19 but no known exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual.

STAY HOME AND SELF-ISOLATE.

Do not go to work and/or class, regardless of vaccination status.

GET TESTED IMMEDIATELY.

POSITIVE

FOLLOW SCENARIO 1.

NEGATIVE

Stay home until symptoms have improved and you have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication. If symptoms worsen, get tested again and contact your health care provider.

¹ Questions, contact covidehc@uw.edu or 206.616.3344 to reach the COVID-19 Response and Prevention Team in the UW Environmental Health & Safety Department. Email is preferred.

² **Close contact** means you were less than 6 feet away from an infected person for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. If you received an alert from WA Notify, you potentially had a close contact exposure. Note: If you received a classroom or workplace notification, watch for symptoms for 14 days and activate WA Notify.

³ Get tested immediately if you were notified of exposure by WA Notify, do not know when your exposure occurred or are unsure or concerned you may have been exposed. Additional requirements are followed by students in residence halls and athletics programs.

⁴ Immunocompromised person should talk to their healthcare provider about duration of isolation.