

DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE FOR REPORTING COVID-19 POSITIVE STUDENTS

STUDENTS WHO REPORT THEY ARE COVID-19 POSITIVE

1. If a student notifies a faculty member or staff member that they are COVID-19 positive, please ask the student the set of questions listed below.
2. Ask the student:
 - a. When their symptoms started, or whether they are asymptomatic;
 - b. The date the student was tested;
 - c. The date that they received their positive result; and,
 - d. The last day the student was on campus, including the rooms and buildings students were located on their last day on campus.
3. Email this information to the UNM COVID Coordinator at covidcoordinator@unm.edu and copy your Department Chair and Department Administrator as well. **DO NOT INCLUDE THE STUDENT'S NAME, BUT INSTEAD INCLUDE THE STUDENT'S BANNER ID.**

COVID-19 COORDINATOR ACTIONS

Once the Covid Coordinator receives report of a COVID-19 positive student, they will work with the Department Administrator to determine if spaces need to be Covid-19 Cleaned.

The Covid Coordinator will also work with the Department to determine if anyone in class with the Covid-19 Positive Student meets the following criteria as a close contact/exposure:

- They were not wearing a mask;
- They were less than 6 feet from the Covid-19 Positive Student;
- They ate or drank with the Covid-19 Positive Student;
- They spent more than 15 minutes (cumulative) with the Covid-19 Positive Student within a 24-hour period.

Please note that **ATTENDING CLASS WITH A COVID-19 POSITIVE STUDENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXPOSURE**. Through the above data gathering efforts, guidance will be provided on whether faculty, staff, or students were exposed and advice on follow-up, if needed, provided.

The Covid Coordinator will confer with the UNM COVID-19 Rapid Response Team to determine if an in-person (aka live) class needs to be converted to remote learning and whether class members need to quarantine or test and share the determination with Office of the Provost and the appropriate College Dean. The Department should seek confirmation from the respective College Dean or Associate Dean before canceling classes or changing classes to remote learning and should notify Office of the Provost of the action taken (apcurriculum@unm.edu).

STUDENTS WHO REPORT THEY WERE EXPOSED/CLOSE CONTACT TO A COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL

If a student notifies a faculty member or staff member that they have had what they believe is a close contact or direct exposure to a COVID-19 Positive Person, including students involved in an off campus clinical, field experience, or UNM employment, please:

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- Determine whether the student is fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means that the student has received both shots (2 doses) of Pfizer or Moderna or one shot (1 dose) of J&J, at least two or more weeks prior to their COVID-19 exposure.
- Determine whether the student is symptomatic or asymptomatic.
- Advice for **Asymptomatic Fully Vaccinated** or **Asymptomatic Unvaccinated/Partially Vaccinated** is as follows:

Asymptomatic (student denies any symptoms)	
Fully Vaccinated	Unvaccinated/Partially Vaccinated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptom monitor for 14 days* • Wear a mask at all times and avoid eating or drinking with anyone on campus (asymptomatic, fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine) • Consider getting a COVID-19 test 5 days after exposure • Seek medical care if they develop any symptoms** and isolate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home and quarantine (length is 10 days since their last contact) • Get tested at least 5 days after exposure (a negative result does not end the 10-day quarantine) • Symptom monitor for 14 days* from last contact and continue Covid-19 safe practices • Seek medical care if they develop any symptoms** and isolate

*symptom monitoring includes watching for the following symptoms: Fever and/or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea

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Symptomatic, Vaccinated or Unvaccinated/Partially Vaccinated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate • Test • Seek medical care** • If the student is a UNM employee, which includes teaching assistants (TA), graduate assistants (GA) and post-docs, they must notify the UNM COVID Call Center at 505-515-8212 • Students should be directed to the New Mexico Department of Health COVID Hotline 1-855-600-3453 for more information • For life-threatening symptoms, always dial 9-1-1

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TESTING GUIDANCE FOR Asymptomatic Students

- As a reminder, the on-campus **asymptomatic** test site that operated last year is closed. Asymptomatic students concerned for exposure should be referred to the [New Mexico Department of Health](https://www.health.nm.gov/) website for more information on testing options.
- Students can test at a New Mexico Department of Health Location. The following link: <https://findatestnm.org/> and <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nm/>.

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- UNM Student Health & Counseling (SHAC) is only testing symptomatic students at this time. Please do not refer asymptomatic students to test at SHAC

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