

COVID-19 Exposure - Student and Employee Protocol after Close Contact

Close Contact Exposure – “Close contact” is not brief or incidental contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms. Per CDC, “close contact” is:

- Being less than six feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period

An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date), until they meet the criteria for ending isolation.

If you had close contact exposure, remain off campus until you contact the college to determine any quarantine or mask requirements. Close contact is regardless of who was or wasn't wearing a mask.

WSCC REPORTING PROCEDURES

STUDENTS

1. Students who have known close contact exposure must immediately contact the Dean of Student Services – Chad Inabinet, email: ceinabinet@westshore.edu phone: 231.843.5965
2. The Dean of Student Services (or designee) will:
 - follow-up with student using the below determination process to identify if student needs to quarantine or can be on campus wearing a mask. If applicable, student will be advised to contact their instructor and follow normal absence procedures.
 - work with student to identify any close contacts on campus and makes calls to notify those individuals identified.
4. The Dean of Student Services (or designee) will notify instructor of student(s) return date.

EMPLOYEES

1. Employees who have known close contact exposure must immediately contact the Director of Human Resources – Debbie Campbell, email: djcampbell@westshore.edu phone: 231.843.5819
2. The Director of Human Resources (or designee) will:
 - follow-up with employee using the below process to determine if employee needs to quarantine or can be on campus wearing a mask. If applicable, employee will be advised to contact their supervisor and follow normal absence procedures.
 - work with employee to identify any close contacts on campus and makes calls to notify those individuals identified.
3. The Director of Human Resources (or designee) will notify supervisor of return date.

WSCC DETERMINATION PROCESS -

Is the student/employee: unvaccinated/not up-to-date or fully vaccinated (Boosted; within 6 months of Pfizer/Moderna or 2 months of J&J; or had a confirmed positive case in the last 90 days)?

UNVACCINATED (or not up-to-date)

Must quarantine for 5 days and wear a well-fitted mask indoors for 10 days.

Do you have symptoms?

No - Stay home and quarantine (not leave the house unless absolutely necessary) for 5 days following exposure. Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. If symptoms develop, isolate immediately and get tested.

Yes -Immediately self-isolate and get tested. Pending results - stay home.

- Positive test result – follow STUDENT/EMPLOYEE PROTOCOL FOR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE
- Negative test result – continue 5-day quarantine. Can return to campus with mask for an additional 5 days. Monitor for symptoms.
- If not tested, do not return to campus for at least 5 days after symptoms first started. End isolation after 5 full days if you are fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours **AND** symptoms are improving.

FULLY VACCINATED (boosted; or within 6 months of Pfizer/Moderna last shot; or within 2 months of J&J last shot; or were confirmed positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days)

Must wear a well-fitted mask indoors for 10 days.

Do you have symptoms?

No - Can stay on campus. Should get tested at least 5 days following exposure, even if no symptoms. If symptoms develop, isolate immediately.

Yes -Immediately self-isolate and get tested. Pending results - stay home.

- Positive test result – follow STUDENT/EMPLOYEE PROTOCOL FOR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE
- Negative test result – can return to campus and continue to wear mask for 10 days.
- If not tested, do not return to campus for at least 10 days after symptoms first started. End isolation after 5 full days if you are fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours **AND** symptoms are improving.