POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS

Is there a protocol in place should students, faculty or staff test positive for COVID-19?

**ANY STUDENT** in an on-campus class who tests positive for COVID-19 must immediately inform Dale Brown, HCC's contact tracing officer, at covid19report@hcc.edu, and quarantine at home for at least ten days after the positive test. It is recommended that students contact their primary care provider with COVID questions or concerns. Students are required to submit their test results to confirm the test date. Please refer to this guidance from the CDC for more detailed information.

**FACULTY** in an on-campus class who test positive for COVID-19 must immediately inform Dale Brown, HCC's contact tracing officer, at covid19report@hcc.edu, and quarantine at home for at least ten days after the positive test. It is recommended that faculty contact their primary care provider with COVID questions or concerns. (Please refer to this guidance from the CDC for more detailed information) If the instructor is too ill to teach, a substitute will be assigned.

**STAFF:** If a member of staff tests positive for COVID-19, they must immediately inform Dale Brown, HCC's contact tracing officer, at covid19report@hcc.edu, and quarantine at home for at least ten days after the positive test. It is recommended that staff contact their primary care provider with COVID questions or concerns. Please refer to this guidance from the CDC for more detailed information.
How long must an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 wait before they can return to campus?

A minimum of ten days. Please refer to [this CDC guidance](#) for more detailed information.

Does the individual have to take a test to show they are negative?

**No negative test is required.** CDC guidance states, “Most people do not require testing to decide when they can be around others; however, if your healthcare provider recommends testing, they will let you know when you can resume being around others based on your test results.”

**EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

If a student or instructor in a class tests positive, what should the rest of the class do?

All students as well as the instructor will be contacted as part of the COVID-19 contact tracing protocol.

- **If you are vaccinated** you may return to class while continuing to wear a mask. If you develop [symptoms](#) you must quarantine and get tested 3-5 days after the exposure.

- **If you are not vaccinated** you must quarantine for 14 day from the date of exposure, and follow the [CDC guidance](#) if you develop symptoms. Quarantine time can be shortened by taking a test 5-7 days after the exposure, and receiving a negative result.

- **If you are a student in the CHE building**: Students in close proximity (less than 3’) will be notified to follow the exposure directions.

If an individual is exposed to COVID-19 outside of class, how long must they wait before they can return to campus?

Again, it depends upon their vaccination status:
If they are unvaccinated, they must quarantine for 14 days, and should watch for symptoms of COVID-19.

If they are fully vaccinated, they may continue to attend classes and should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don’t have symptoms. They should wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

MASKS

Who enforces the mask mandate?

Staff who encounter a student without a mask should ask them to put one on. If they don’t have one, please direct them to get one at a greeter station or an academic office. If the student refuses, we can ask them to leave. Failure to comply becomes a disciplinary case to be reported to the Dean of Student Development, Engagement, and Inclusion.

What is the policy regarding masks and eating on campus?

The dining area in the Campus Center is designated as a space where students, faculty and staff may remove masks to eat. Masks must be worn elsewhere in the Campus Center. Masks may also be removed for eating outdoors, and faculty and staff may remove their masks while in their private office.

Is there a general statement from the college about mask mandates that can be included in the syllabus?

Well-fitting masks that cover the mouth and nose are required to be worn inside all HCC buildings, and surgical masks* are required in the CHE building (*these are provided).

Is there a protocol for faculty/students using HCC vans? Is there protocol for courses that include field trips as part of their lab?

As in HCC buildings, well-fitting masks that cover the mouth and nose are required to be worn in buses or vans going to or from college sponsored events or activities.
STUDENT SUPPORT

What if students in the class don’t have the technology they need to go remote?

HCC will supply Chromebooks and hotspots to any student who needs them when an on-campus class must flip to remote. Please refer to the Library page for more information.

CLEANING POLICY

Who is responsible for cleaning common areas, such as classrooms and labs?

Facilities staff will clean classrooms daily. Students and faculty are expected to wipe down any desk, or other lab equipment they use. Gloves and disinfectant wipes will be provided.

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

Is there a general statement that faculty will put in their syllabi letting students know that their on-campus classes may go remote if deemed necessary?

The deans have prepared a uniform statement and shared it with faculty. Faculty may add it to syllabi if they wish.