

For Employees:

I've Been in Close Contact with Someone Who Tested Positive for COVID-19



WPI's plans for campus social distancing should greatly minimize the number of close contacts that any positive cases have. It helps to know exactly what "close contact" is and what happens if you've been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. Find more information on the [Health and Safety](#) pages.

WHAT IS CLOSE CONTACT?

CLOSE CONTACT IS ...



- living in the same household as a person who has tested positive for COVID-19
- caring for a person who has tested positive for COVID-19
- being within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more
- coming in direct contact with secretions (e.g., sharing utensils, being coughed on) from a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or a public health official

CLOSE CONTACT IS NOT ...



- being in the same classroom or office space while following safety protocols for face coverings and distancing
- being in front of someone in a socially distanced line
- passing someone in the hallway while wearing a face covering

IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT AT WORK ...

- WPI will notify the [Worcester Board of Health](#) and work with them to trace likely contacts on campus.
- you'll be contacted if you're considered a close contact.
- you'll be required to stay home, monitor your health, and not report to work, classes, or activities on campus.
- if you're identified as a close contact, you will be required to [quarantine](#) according to [CDC guidelines](#).
- you are advised to contact your healthcare provider or [Tufts Virtual Health Services](#) (for Tufts Health Plan members) upon receiving a positive COVID-19 test result or being informed that you are a close contact.
- you'll complete your quarantine period and can be around others 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- present information to the Testing Coordinator that you have completed your quarantine period with no symptoms arising for clearance to return to work and have the Testing Coordinator clear your return to work in accordance with WPI's guidelines and current [CDC guidelines](#).

Source: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-office-spaces>
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