

Summary: Faculty FAQs for positive tests, close contacts

A student in my class tested positive. Now what happens?

- The student will go into isolation for 10 days.
- The Public Health Team will reach out to anyone who is known to be a close contact (closer than 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 min or more over a 24 hour period, regardless of masking)

What happens for close contacts? Depends on vaccination status:

	Quarantine?	Testing?	Other Contacts?	Symptoms?
Vaccinated	CDC guidance: No need if no symptoms	As scheduled: 3-5 days post-exposure	Until receiving a negative test result: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When possible, consider reducing close contacts by keeping distanced from others• Avoid visiting with friends and family who might be at higher risk because of vaccination status, age or health issues.	Self monitor for 14 days
Unvaccinated	Minimum 7 days Release day 8	Increased testing frequency: Day 0/1, day 4, day 7	None: Only leave quarantine space for health appointments and testing until released from quarantine by the public health team	

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Should I cancel class?

- No need to cancel class in the case of a positive test, due to the low risk of transmission in a population which is fully vaccinated (as 96% of our students are) and masked and tested.
- It is strongly encouraged for faculty to use [tech assistance such as lecture capture](#) so students who have to isolate/quarantine can keep up with their classwork.

In the classroom setting, how do we know who the close contacts are?

- If you are lecturing with more than 6 feet of separation from the closest student, you are not a close contact.
- We are already cross-checking course schedules and class lists for students who test positive, which so far has confirmed that there is not classroom spread.
- However if there is overlap, we will need more detailed information about student close contacts in classrooms.
- CERT recommends the following as the most workable process to identify close contacts:
 - Strongly encourage each student to sit in the same seat for the duration of the term
 - Each student exchange names with all nearest neighbors within a 6 foot radius (should be no more than 4-6 students even at full classroom capacity) and keep track of potential close contacts for each class
 - As the term progresses, periodically reconfirm that each student knows the name of close nearest neighbors