

A student in my class tested positive for COVID-19.

What do I do as a faculty member?

Following the administration of a COVID-19 test, students who have been diagnosed with the virus will be instructed to not return to class for 10 days.

- 1 They should not come to class.**
 - If a student is diagnosed with COVID-19, instruct them not to attend in-person classes.
 - Remind them that there will be no penalty for not attending class because they are sick.
- 2 Remind the student that they are required to complete the [COVID-19 Self-Report Form](#).**
 - Self-reporting supports the university's efforts to provide guidance and resources to those affected and determine if others have been exposed.
- 3 Help the student stay engaged with their coursework.**
 - Remind the student via email to continue to follow class readings and assignments via Canvas if medically able. Be sure to inform them that videos of classes are available through Panopto and/or Zoom.
- 4 Exercise discretion.**
 - Some students may experience mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 while others remain symptomless. Students who experience more serious symptoms may find it difficult to complete course assignments or participate in online classes.
- 5 Ask to see the student's medical clearance before allowing them to return to class.**
 - The student should provide a copy of their medical clearance email issued by the [AU Medical Clinic](#). The email will provide the exact date the student is cleared to return to campus.



I have questions about testing.

How do I know if I need a test?

+ Who needs to be tested for COVID-19?

There are two reasons that you need to be evaluated by a medical professional and possibly be tested for COVID-19:

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste
- Loss of sense of smell
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Nasal congestion
- Runny nose

If you have had close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

- Close contact exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer.
- Testing is not indicated following a close contact exposure until at least five days has passed since the date of the close contact exposure—unless you develop symptoms.

+ How will I know if I have had a close contact exposure with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

- A close contact notifies you that he or she has tested positive for COVID-19 and informs you that you are at risk.
- You receive an alert from the Exposure Notification App that you have had close contact proximity to someone who has tested positive
- A medical provider or contact tracer determines that you have had a close contact exposure and contacts you

+ Do I have to be tested at the Auburn University Medical Clinic?

- No. You can seek medical care and testing at other locations if needed.
- Find a list of testing locations in the Auburn / Opelika area [here](#).
- Mucus testing (which tests for active COVID-19 infection) is required to make clinical decisions.

+ What do I do if my roommate or suitemate tests positive for COVID-19?

- If you live off campus, self-quarantine immediately and monitor your symptoms.
- If you live on campus, immediately quarantine, monitor your symptoms and contact the Auburn University Medical Clinic at 334-844-9825 or an alternative testing location to make an appointment to get tested.

How do I know if I need a test?

+ What should I do if I find out that I have had a close contact exposure with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

- Self-quarantine for 14 days
- Notify your faculty
- Attend classes remotely
- Monitor temperature at least once a day
- Monitor symptoms
- Do not leave home except for essential activities such as medical appointments
- Do not host gatherings or entertain guests in your home or dorm
- Do not interact with anyone except immediate family or roommates
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from other people
- Wear a face covering when around others
- Wash hands, use hand sanitizer, disinfect high-touch surfaces
- If symptoms develop, seek medical care for evaluation



I'm a student and tested positive for COVID-19.

What happens next?

1 Complete the [COVID-19 Self-Report Form](#).

The information goes to the Office of Institutional Research and is used to notify:

- [AU Medical Clinic](#). Clinic staff, working with the Department of Social Work, will contact you to conduct contact tracing.
- [Facilities Management](#). They will disinfect the spaces where you have been on campus.
- [Campus Safety](#). They monitor information about the prevalence of COVID-19 on campus and will share this information anonymously as needed.

2 If you live on-campus or need to quarantine on-campus:

- The AU Medical Clinic will work with University Housing to consider alternate accommodations for you.
- University Housing will coordinate with Tiger Dining to ensure you have meals delivered to the residence hall.

3 Let your instructors know you will not be in class.

- It is up to you if want to tell your instructors you tested positive for COVID-19. Many students will be able to continue their studies remotely and may elect not to share their diagnosis. However, instructors will follow their regular procedures for working with students who need to miss class due to an illness.
- Your instructor will ask you to complete the [COVID-19 Self-Report Form](#). You will be provided with a confirmation message you can share to show that the form was completed.

4 Notify your close contacts.

- Anyone who had close contact (15 or more minutes, 6 feet apart or less) with you need to be contacted to let them know they have been exposed to COVID-19.

5 You can return to campus when all three of the following are met:

- You have spent at least 10 calendar days in self-isolation.
- You have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication.
- Your symptoms have improved.
- *Note: You will receive an email from the AU Medical Clinic that provides the date when you can return to campus.*



I'm an employee and tested positive for COVID-19.

What happens next?

- 1** **Contact your supervisor immediately.**
 - Your supervisor will ask about your recent activities on campus.
 - You may be referred to your department's COVID-19 Liaison.

- 2** **Complete the [COVID-19 Self-Report Form](#).**

The information goes to the Office of Institutional Research. It is kept confidential and is used to notify [Campus Safety](#). They monitor information about the prevalence of COVID-19 on campus and will share this information anonymously as needed.

- 3** **Stay tuned for additional guidance**
 - More information, including when you can return to campus and types of leave available to you, will be provided by your COVID-19 liaison.



How does contact tracing work for students?

What happens behind the scenes?

The [Auburn University Medical Clinic](#) conducts contact tracing after learning about a student who has tested positive for COVID-19. It is critical that students complete the [COVID-19 Self-Report Form](#) to ensure the Clinic is informed of all cases—even if the COVID-19 test was not conducted at the Clinic.

The Clinic will work closely with the Auburn Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work to contact students who have tested positive for COVID-19. The purpose of these conversations is to learn who the student has come into close contact (defined as 15 minutes or more, less than 6 feet apart).

The student will receive a phone call from a trained contact tracer. As part of that conversation, they will discuss:

- + Housing.** It's important to talk through where the student lives to learn if their location makes it more likely that others have been exposed. The student will be asked if they live in a shared space such as a residence hall or fraternity house, how many people live in their house or apartment or if there have been other houseguests at their residence.
- + Classes.** Students will be asked what classes or academic activities they have attended in-person. The discussion will be about where the class was held, how many people attended and what activities were completed in class.
- + Activities.** Many students have an active life outside of academics, so there will be a discussion about what student life events were attended and where they were held.
- + Employment.** It's common for students to work while they are in college, so contract tracers will ask the student about those with whom they may have come into close contact at work.

Contact tracers will encourage students to notify their close contacts that they have tested positive for COVID-19. Some students may prefer for the contact tracing team to anonymously notify their contacts that they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. Both options are available to the student, and it is the student's choice.