



College of

Nursing

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Student, Staff and Faculty COVID Update February 14, 2021

Exposure to COVID: If you have had [close contact](#) with someone with COVID:

- a. Notify your faculty or supervisor.
- b. Plan to quarantine for a minimum of 14 days from the last day you had contact with the person. If you are re-exposed to the same person or exposed to another person with COVID, you must start a new 14-day quarantine period.
- c. Return to work, clinical, or face-to-face laboratory/simulation experiences, if you remain asymptomatic, **after the end of the 14-day quarantine.**
- d. **The 14-day quarantine is mandatory even if a negative test is received during the quarantine period.**

Positive COVID test OR have symptoms consistent with COVID: If you receive a positive COVID test or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you must:

- a. Contact your health provider.
- b. Notify your faculty or supervisor.
- c. Isolate for a minimum of 10 days from the day symptoms appeared.
- d. **Asymptomatic students with a positive COVID test must isolate 10 days from date of positive test.**
- e. End isolation after 10 days only if you have no symptoms and have been afebrile without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

Ill with unspecified illness OR following receipt of COVID Vaccine:

- a. Refer to [Post Vaccine Considerations for Healthcare Personnel](#) to help assess and guide actions.
- b. Notify your faculty or supervisor if you are ill and unable to attend clinical or work. You are not required to report the nature of the illness.
- c. Notify your health provider if your symptoms are unlikely to be attributable to vaccine sequelae and/or you have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above.

COVID Testing – SPOKANE CAMPUS ONLY

Asymptomatic students, faculty and staff working in clinical environments must be tested initially 72 hours before coming on campus or in clinical and every 30 days thereafter, unless clinical site requires more frequent testing. If not complying with every 30-day testing, a negative test is required 72 hours prior to being on campus. Testing is available free at the CCRS testing site on Thursdays and Fridays from 0700-1500 and at the CON per clinical section schedule. Voluntary testing is available at the CCRS site for students, faculty and staff not working in clinical environments.

Testing Exemptions after Vaccination

WSU faculty, staff, and students who have completed the vaccination (currently two doses for the two approved vaccines) and attested to ten (10) days without COVID symptoms following the second dose [are exempted from any required testing](#). Similarly, participation in WSU's existing voluntary testing program is unnecessary for vaccinated individuals unless directed to do so by a healthcare provider or practice facility. WSU may require documentation of receipt of both doses of the vaccine. Regardless of vaccination status must attest, remain physically distant, and wear face coverings while on WSU property.

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Sources:

[WA DOH Exposure Guidance](#) January 20, 2021

[CDC COVID Symptoms](#) December 22, 2020

[CDC Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines](#) February 11, 2021

[WSU COVID-19 Vaccinations: WSU Guidelines](#)