

# When can I come back?



## I WAS A CLOSE CONTACT OF SOMEONE WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Close contact in the classroom means you were within 3 feet, without a mask, for a total of 15 minutes or more

**Are you fully vaccinated?**

YES

NO

**Do you have symptoms?**

YES

NO

**Get tested.** Stay home and monitor for symptoms until you receive test results. If your result is negative, you may return to work or class when you no longer have symptoms of illness.

**Quarantine at home for 14 days** after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19, and be tested on days 8-10. Watch for fever (100.4 F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. If possible, stay away from people you live with, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19, and wear a mask in your home until quarantine is complete.

**You do not need to quarantine.** However, it's recommended that fully vaccinated people get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

## I TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

**Have you reported your results to NMSU?**

YES

NO

**Do you have symptoms?**

Report your positive result online at [covid19.nmsu.edu/self-report/](https://covid19.nmsu.edu/self-report/) right away to start the contact tracing process.

YES

NO

**Isolate for a minimum of 10 days** from the day of testing, and until at least 24 hours have elapsed with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and most symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (loss of smell or taste may linger).

**Isolate and monitor** for symptoms until 10 days have passed since you had a positive viral test for COVID-19.

## Quarantine or isolation?

You **quarantine** when you might have been exposed to the virus. You **isolate** when you have been infected with the virus, even if you don't have symptoms.

For questions about COVID-19, email [covid19@nmsu.edu](mailto:covid19@nmsu.edu).