

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 & boosted (if eligible)?

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 5 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19, and get tested on day 5, if possible. 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 for 10 days after exposure.

You do not need to quarantine. However, it's recommended that fully vaccinated people get tested on day 5 after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms, and wear a mask around others for 10 days following exposure.

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/ right away to start the contact tracing process.

YES

NO

Isolate for a minimum of 5 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) Wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days.

Isolate and monitor for symptoms until 5 days have passed since you had a positive viral test for COVID-19. Wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days.

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.