



When a faculty or staff member tests positive with symptoms for COVID-19 or is otherwise symptomatic for COVID-19

If you are faculty or a staff member and develop symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19 with symptoms, you should not come to campus. If already on campus, go home. Notify your supervisor and HR immediately. Self-isolate to protect family or others. You will need to self-isolate per the CDC Guidelines below:

Symptom-based approach

You may return to work after these three things have happened:

1. After you have no fever for at least 24 hours (that is a full day of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND
2. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND
3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

*Prior to return to on-campus activities, you will be asked to sign the LSUS COVID-19 Certification Form. This form should be returned to Human Resources.

When a faculty or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 and is asymptomatic

Time-based strategy

Persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:

At least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test. If they develop symptoms, then the symptom-based or test-based strategy should be used. Note, because symptoms cannot be used to gauge where these individuals are in the course of their illness, it is possible that the duration of viral shedding could be longer or shorter than 10 days after their first positive test.

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When a faculty or staff member has been identified as a direct contact with someone who has COVID-19

A direct contact is defined by the CDC as an Individual who has had close contact (less than 6 feet) for more than 15 minutes. Anyone who has close contact with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days after exposure based on the time it takes to develop illness.

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

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