

ABSENCE INSTRUCTIONS and FAQ

*Note, the University's COVID-19 response team has evolved into the next phase of management of the virus. The COVIDreporting@neomed.edu reporting structure is still available, but only for reporting **positive** COVID-19 test results.*

- **What should I do if I am experiencing symptoms?**
 - Do NOT come to the NEOMED campus.
 - [Seek PCR COVID-19 testing](#) and/or contact your primary care provider.
 - If you are a student and do not have a medical provider or wish to seek care from Student Health Services, you may request an appointment through [visit AppointmentPlus](#). You may also call 330-325-3202.
 - All students should fill out the [University Student Absence Form](#) and will be contacted by representatives from your College.
 - If you are a student who is scheduled to report to a clinical site, notify the site and follow their protocols/policies.
 - You may not return to campus until your symptoms improve and you have a negative PCR test result or clearance from your physician. If your test result comes back positive, notify COVIDreporting@neomed.edu and see the information below.

- **What should I do if I test positive for COVID-19?**
 - Do NOT come to the NEOMED campus – even if you are not experiencing symptoms.
 - Report your positive test result to COVIDreporting@neomed.edu.
 - Contact your primary care provider for medical advice. Students who do not have a medical provider or wish to seek care from Student Health Services may request an appointment through [visit AppointmentPlus](#). You may also call 330-325-3202.
 - All students should fill out the [University Student Absence Form](#) and will be contacted by representatives from your College.
 - If you are a student who is scheduled to report to a clinical site, notify the site and follow their protocols/policies.
 - You may not return to campus until you have received clearance from your local Health Department to do so. When you speak to your local Health Department, you should be prepared to share with them information about who you have been in close contact with in the 48 hours prior to your symptom onset and/or positive test result until the time you speak with the Health Department. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for a period of 15 minutes or more (cumulatively), regardless of mask use.

[The CDC offers this guidance to people who are ill.](#)

- **What do I do if I have been in contact (defined as within 6 feet for a period of 15 minutes or more cumulatively) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?**
 - If you are experiencing symptoms, do NOT come to campus. See the information above.

- If you are fully vaccinated and not experiencing any symptoms, you may continue to come to campus. You should be vigilant about wearing your mask indoors for 14 days after your last exposure and monitoring yourself for any symptoms. The CDC recommends seeking testing 3-5 days after your exposure.
[Testing sites can be found here.](#)
 - Should you develop symptoms and/or test positive, do NOT come to campus. See the information above.
- If you have not been fully vaccinated, you should NOT come to campus. You should consult with your physician and/or the local health department regarding quarantine recommendations. The CDC recommends seeking testing 3-5 days after your exposure.
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 - Should you develop symptoms and/or test positive, please see the information above.
 - All students should fill out the [University Student Absence Form](#) and will be contacted by representatives from your College.
 - If you are a student who is scheduled to report to a clinical site, notify the site and follow their protocols/policies.

Note: The CDC indicates that individuals who have had COVID in the last 90 days and have recovered do not need to get tested unless they develop symptoms.