

IMPORTANT: This policy is subject to change based on updated guidance from CDC and/or local public health departments, as well as the availability of testing supplies.

Isolation Protocol

1. Student/employee tests positive for Covid-19
2. Isolate for at least 5 full days
3. Symptomatic vs asymptomatic
 - a. Symptomatic
 - i. Day 0 is day of symptom onset
 - ii. End isolation after 5 full days if:
 1. Fever-free for 24-hours without fever-reducing meds, AND
 2. Other symptoms have generally improved, AND
 3. Negative antigen test on day 5 or later
 - a. No testing = 10-day isolation
 - b. Antigen positive = 10-day isolation
 - iii. No testing necessary to exit isolation after 10-days of isolation, but must be fever-free for 24-hours without fever reducing meds, AND other symptoms have generally improved
 - iv. If exiting after 5 full days of isolation, continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (days 6-10)
 - v. If fever or other symptoms do not improve after 5 days of isolation, wait to conduct isolation exit testing until fever-free for 24-hours without fever-reducing meds
 1. If student/employee is fever-free for 24-hours without fever-reducing meds, but symptoms have not generally improved, they should continue to isolate and wait to conduct isolation exit testing
 - vi. If travel is necessary during day 6-10, wear a well-fitting mask when you are around others for the entire duration of travel
 - b. Asymptomatic
 - i. Day 0 is day of positive test collection
 - ii. End isolation after 5 full days if:
 1. Continue to remain symptom free, AND
 2. Negative antigen test on day 5 or later
 - a. No testing = full 10-day isolation
 - b. Antigen positive = isolate for 10 full days
 - iii. No testing necessary to exit isolation after 10-days of isolation
 - iv. If symptoms develop, date of symptom onset becomes day 0
 - v. If exiting after 5 full days of isolation, continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (days 6-10)
 - vi. If travel is necessary during day 6-10, wear a well-fitting mask when you are around others for the entire duration of travel
4. Isolation exit testing
 - a. Antigen testing to exit isolation between day 6-10 should occur no earlier than day 5 of isolation
 - b. Testing available at NPU Health Services during [regular office hours](#)
 - c. Student/employee may [submit valid proof of antigen test](#) performed outside of NPU Health Services. Proof of test must include:
 - i. Type of test (e.g., PCR, antigen, NAAT)
 - ii. Entity issuing the result (e.g., lab, healthcare entity, telehealth service)
 - iii. Sample collection date (on day 5 of isolation or later)
 - iv. Information that identifies the person (e.g., full name and at least one other identifier, such as DOB or address)
 - v. Test result must clearly read as negative or not detected
 - d. If NPU Health Services determines the submitted test result is not valid, the student/employee must complete antigen testing on campus to exit isolation between day 6-10
 - e. PCR/NAAT test is not recommended for isolation exit testing, [per CDC](#)
5. Student/employee may choose to isolate for full 10 days, despite symptomology/testing

Quarantine Protocol

1. Student/employee identified as close contact of someone with Covid-19 does NOT need to quarantine if:
 - a. Received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters, OR
 - b. Recovered from Covid-19 within the last 90-days, documented by diagnostic testing
 - c. This student/employee should still wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public for 10 days from the date of last contact
 - d. This student/employee should be tested for Covid-19 on day 5 (day 0 is last day of close contact), or as soon as possible if symptoms of Covid-19 develop
 - i. Students/employees that recovered from Covid-19 in the last 90-days should not test, but should still wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days
2. Student/employee identified as close contact of someone with Covid-19 DOES need to quarantine if:
 - a. Received the primary series of recommended mRNA vaccine, or single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, but have not received a recommended booster shot when eligible, OR
 - b. Not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series at all
3. Quarantine: stay home and away from other people for at least 5 full days after last contact with person who has Covid-19
 - a. Day zero is the last day of exposure to someone that tested positive for Covid-19
 - b. Monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 10 days after last date of exposure to Covid-19
 - i. If symptoms develop, get tested for Covid-19 immediately and isolate from others until results are available
 - ii. If you do not develop symptoms, get tested for Covid-19 at least 5 full days after last contact with a person who has Covid-19
 1. If possible, also consider being tested at time of notification of close contact with someone that tested positive with Covid-19. If negative, still test on day 5 before exiting quarantine.
 - iii. Do not travel during 5-day quarantine period, and make sure to have a negative result and remain without symptoms before traveling
 1. Travel during day 6-10: wear a well-fitting mask when you are around others for the entire duration of travel
 - c. No testing necessary to exit quarantine after 10 days if student/employee remains asymptomatic
 - d. If member of household unit is identified as a close contact, and close contact is unable to appropriately quarantine from others in unit (e.g., dorm room), quarantine recommendation for others in unit is dependent on vaccination status:
 - i. Fully vaccinated, with or without booster
 1. No quarantine, monitor for symptoms.
 2. Symptoms? Quarantine, report symptoms and get tested.
 - ii. Unvaccinated
 1. Quarantine until close contact receives a negative test on day 5 or later of their quarantine
 2. Monitor for symptoms
 3. Symptoms? Quarantine, report symptoms and get tested
4. Quarantine exit testing
 - a. Antigen or PCR testing to exit between day 6-10 should occur no earlier than day 5 of quarantine
 - b. Antigen testing available at NPU Health Services during [regular office hours](#)
 - c. PCR testing available [on campus via SHIELD Illinois](#) saliva-based test
 - d. Student/employee may [submit valid proof of antigen or PCR test](#) performed outside of NPU Health. Proof of test must include:
 - i. Type of test (e.g., PCR, antigen, NAAT)
 - ii. Entity issuing the result (e.g., lab, healthcare entity, telehealth service)
 - iii. Sample collection date (on day 5 of quarantine or later)
 - iv. Information that identifies the person (e.g., full name and at least one other identifier, such as DOB or address)
 - v. Test result must clearly read as negative or not detected
 - e. If NPU Health Services determines the submitted test result is not valid, the student/employee must complete testing on campus to exit quarantine between day 6-10
5. Student/employee may choose to quarantine for full 10 days, despite symptomology/testing