UF College of Dentistry

Returning to Work/School After a Positive COVID-19 Test
Effective June 15, 2022

Positive Test
Vaccinated or unvaccinated - leave work/school immediately or remain home from work/school.

Hospitalized or severely immunocompromised **
Return to Work/School 20 days* after first symptom.

Asymptomatic/Mild to Moderate Symptoms; Not hospitalized
Return to Work/School 5 days* after first symptom/positive test. No additional testing needed.

Requires that you have been without fever for at least 24 hours without medication and that your symptoms be improving. Symptoms don’t need to be completely resolved. Both criteria need to be met before you can return to work/school.

Also, you are required to wear an N95 until 10 days have passed from your first symptom.

Definitions from the CDC
* People with severe disease who require hospitalization, even if vaccinated or boosted, will likely be infectious longer than other groups.

** “Moderate to severe immunocompromised” as defined by the CDC is:
• Active treatment for solid tumor and hematologic malignancies
• Receipt of solid-organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive therapy.
• Receipt of CAR-T-cell therapy or hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) (within 2 years of transplantation or taking immunosuppression therapy).
• Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g., DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome).
• Advanced or untreated HIV infection (people with HIV and CD4 cell counts <200/mm3, history of an AIDS-defining illness without immune reconstitution, or clinical manifestations of symptomatic HIV).
• Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e., ≥20 mg prednisone or equivalent per day when administered for ≥2 weeks), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive, tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers, and other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory.
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Returning to Work/School After an **Exposure to a Person With COVID-19**

**Effective June 15, 2022**

**COVID-19 Exposure**
If you’ve been exposed to a positive household member or intimate partner and you are asymptomatic, regardless of your vaccine status.

Continue to work/attend school **wearing an N95 mask** for 7 days.

During the 7-day period, you **develop symptoms**.

Get tested ASAP; if symptoms are mild and stable*, you can continue to work/study while waiting for results. If not, leave work/school until you receive test results.

You **remain asymptomatic** during the 7-day period.

Continue to work/study while wearing either a KN95 or N95 mask beginning on day 8 after the exposure.

Test is positive
If you are at work/school, you leave immediately and consult the Positive Test algorithm for next steps.

Test is negative
Return to work/school if your symptoms remain mild, wearing an N95 for 7 days after your exposure.

* Mild and stable symptoms include runny nose, sinus congestion and mild headache. If your symptoms worsen or if you develop a fever, leave work/school.

**UFCD masking expectations** in all our facilities:
- Masks are **required** if you are working in, or walking through, all clinical and patient-contact areas. This includes patients and visitors, as well as members of our college.
- The level of mask required is based on the type of interaction or care being provided, as always. An N95 mask is required in settings where care is being delivered to patients.
Contact Information

If you have a positive test result or are required to quarantine:

- **Students**: notify Dr. Patricia Pereira and Christina Perez.
- **Students** who are clinical providers: also notify Richelle Janiec and Dr. Panos Zoidis.
- **Residents**: notify Dr. Roberta Pileggi, your program director and Christina Perez.
- **Faculty and staff**: notify your supervisor and Christina Perez for resource assistance and guidance on return to work date.
- If you are at home because of illness, a positive result or exposure, but are willing and able (well enough) to work, please consult your supervisor about being able to perform some work remotely.