

STUDENTS

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Health and Safety Requirements

- Please follow all [public-health guidance](#).
- Complete the full duration of your minimum 5-day isolation. (See Returning to Campus below for more information.)

Responsibilities as a Student

- Submit a [CARE Referral Form](#) regarding your positive COVID-19 test result.
- You may also submit additional notifications to the Office of Student Conduct & CARE at dos@pfw.edu, Student Housing (if you live in Student Housing) at housing@pfw.edu, instructors, and advisors. Your instructors and/or advisors will be strongly encouraged to submit a [CARE Referral Form](#) on your behalf.
- *A note for instructors: Once you have submitted the CARE Referral Form, you have no further reporting responsibilities. In order to protect student privacy, instructors should not disclose to their class that the student has tested positive for COVID-19.*

You are not required to disclose personal health information to the university or your instructor beyond keeping your instructor informed about your ability to attend class and complete required assignments. You should also communicate with your instructor about your expected return date to class.

After You Submit a CARE Referral Form

- You will receive a more detailed COVID-19 form requesting the date of symptom onset (if you are symptomatic), the date your positive COVID-19 test was performed, your housing situation (including if you have notified your roommates), and your health status.
- This form will also give you the option of asking the CARE team to contact your instructors.

Upon your request, instructors and advisors will receive the following message from the CARE team:

Professors, Instructors, and Advisors:

You are being contacted as a faculty or staff member who works with STUDENT NAME. Please be advised that STUDENT NAME may be unable to attend courses at this time. STUDENT NAME is to contact you as soon as possible regarding courses and a return date.

This email is being provided as a courtesy by our office for both you and STUDENT NAME. Per Purdue Fort Wayne regulations, class attendance policy is determined by the instructor. All matters related to attendance, including the makeup of missed work, are ultimately to be arranged between the student and instructor.

- *A note for instructors: Please be aware that this is the uniform message that the CARE team sends to instructors and advisors regardless of the specific health, personal, or other issue that is keeping the student out of class.*
- As the message indicates, it is the student's responsibility to communicate with their instructors about (1) their ability to attend class virtually (if that is an option for the course), (2) their ability to complete course assignments, and (3) an expected date of return to class.
- Students are not required to disclose a positive COVID-19 test to an instructor, but they may certainly choose to do so. An instructor may require the above notification from the CARE Team before granting a request for a COVID-19 accommodation.
- *A note for instructors: Please provide as much flexibility as is reasonably possible to support students who are unable to attend courses.*

Returning to Campus

You will be cleared to return to campus when you have met three conditions:

1. It has been at least 5 days since the onset of symptoms (if you are symptomatic) or since the date of your positive test.
 - As described in [the CDC's guidance](#), day 1 is the first full day after the onset of symptoms or, if you were asymptomatic, the first full day after the day you were tested.
2. You have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medications.
3. Your symptoms are resolving.

Even if you have met conditions 2 and 3 before 5 days have passed, you should remain in isolation for the full 5 days.

When you have met these conditions, you may return to campus. Please remember to wear a well-fitting face mask for 5 days when around others.

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