When a Student Tests Positive for COVID-19

If affected student notifies their professor of positive results, professor should call the campus COVID hotline and advise the student to notify the campus COVID hotline as well, 530-898-2222. Student's personal information should not be shared outside of the hotline.

If the infected student is at home, instruct to stay home. If infected student is in class, send home immediately.

The Pandemic Manager in collaboration with BCPH, will determine whether the infected student had prolonged direct contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with other faculty, staff, and students during the two days before symptoms first started or since the case tested positive.

The Pandemic Manager may not always contact a professor when a student tests positive. Contact is made with a professor when it is necessary to seek the professor's assistance with identifying and reaching out to close contacts, or when it is necessary to coordinate with the department regarding class operations.

EHS/FMS performs assessment of facility and arranges for thorough cleaning and disinfecting of areas where the infected student was present while infectious. (Pandemic Manager may provide direction)

Pandemic Manager may call all close contacts of infected student, if directed by BCPH.

Professors should work closely with students to accommodate their academic responsibilities during this time.

Infected student should not return to class until meeting criteria (see Returning to Class). BCPH will determine when the infected student is released from isolation.

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An infected student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 may not return to class until they meet the CDC criteria for discontinuation of isolation. Butte County Public Health (BCPH) will utilize the following Symptom/Time based strategy.

BCPH determines if the patient had symptoms consistent with a COVID-19 infection regardless if it is before or after testing.

**Asymptomatic**

- At least 10 days have passed since positive test result.
- No symptoms have developed since positive test result.

**Symptomatic**

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications

Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.

Recovered student may return to class.

Student should follow all recommendations by their healthcare provider and BCPH (if any), maintain good hygiene practices, and continue to self-monitor for any symptoms.

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Close Contacts to a Lab-confirmed COVID-19 Case

Pandemic Manager or designee will provide follow up to close contacts. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a person during their infectious period for 15 minutes or longer. This can occur 2 days before symptoms appear or the positive test is collected, and during the first 10 days from symptom onset or the positive COVID-19 test.

BCPH recommends that all those in quarantine get tested for COVID-19 on day 3 to 5 and day 14 of their quarantine period.

Exposed student becomes symptomatic.

Symptomatic individuals should be tested for COVID-19.

Exposed student tests negative for COVID-19, or diagnosed with an illness other than COVID-19.

Exposed student should continue their self-quarantine period.

No Symptoms

Excluded student tests positive for COVID-19.

Exposed student is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Professor should follow guidance titled, When a Student Tests Positive for COVID-19.

Allow exposed student to attend class remotely during self-quarantine if appropriate to perform coursework from home.

Allow exposed student to return to class 14 days after their last exposure to the person who tested positive as long as they remain asymptomatic.

Exposed student becomes symptomatic.

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Exposed student tests positive for COVID-19.

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COVID-19 EXPOSURE: WHAT SHOULD I DO?

What should I do if I have been in close contact with someone...

Close Contact Examples
- Within 6 feet of a person with confirmed COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more.
- Direct physical contact, such as hugging or kissing.
- Contact with respiratory secretions, such as cough or sneeze close to you.

Who has been in close contact with someone ELSE who might have been exposed.

HOW DO I...

Self-Quarantine?
- Stay at home for 14 days from last day of exposure.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Don’t share household items.

Self-Monitor?
- Be alert for symptoms of COVID-19 especially a dry cough or shortness of breath.
- Take your temperature every morning and night and write it down, along with other symptoms.
- Call your doctor if you have trouble breathing or a fever of 100.4°F/38°C or higher.

Physical Distance?
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from people.
- Do not hug or shake hands.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Wear a face covering in public and when 6 feet of distance is not possible.

Self-Monitor AND Maintain Physical Distance

Getting Tested
Visit buttecounty.net/ph to see testing options.