



# RETURN TO CAMPUS GUIDELINES FOLLOWING A COVID-19 RELATED ABSENCE

Individual exposed to (within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more during a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset) someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

May return after 14-day quarantine period from date of last contact with individual. Follow local health department recommendations regarding testing.

Individual tested positive for COVID-19 AND had symptoms.

May return after: (1) At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset; AND (2) At least 24 hours since resolution of fever AND improvements of other symptoms.

Individual tested positive for COVID-19, but had NO symptoms.

May return after at least 10 days have passed since date of first COVID-19 test.

Individual exhibits one or more symptoms of COVID-19, but is not suspected of having COVID-19.

**SOME EXAMPLES**

Seasonal allergies, ear infection, seasonal flu, strep throat, migraine, etc.

May be possible to return in fewer than 10 days after onset of symptoms and 24 hours fever free.

**RECOMMEND:**

Evidence of alternative reason for symptoms and/or release to return to school/work.  
Negative COVID-19 test

Individual returns from international travel.

May return after 14-day quarantine from date of return from trip.

**FOR ALL:**

At each stage, employees and students should be speaking with an instructor, supervisor, or HR.

Return based on release from health care provider would also apply.

Local health departments have recommended being tested for COVID-19 no sooner than four days after exposure for best test results. Students and employees should maintain self-quarantine until that time.

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE:**

Follow any updated guidance from CDC, IDPH or local health department.