

Updated Policy: Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)

Isolation (positive for COVID-19)

Randolph College students or employees who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days from test date, regardless of vaccination status or symptom onset. If asymptomatic (no symptoms) or symptoms are improving (without fever for 24 hours) AND a negative test result is submitted on day 5, normal campus activities can resume while wearing a mask* for an additional 5 days. If there is no test option available on day 5, the result remains positive, or symptoms appear and are not improving, the infected person must remain in isolation until the previous requirements have been met, or until day 10 (with improving symptoms).

Quarantine (exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19)

If a student or employee is considered a close contact (exposed) of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, quarantine protocols should be implemented as follows:

Individuals who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted should quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use* for an additional 5 days. Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. Randolph College requires ALL individuals who are exposed to submit results from COVID-19 test administered at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19. If testing results are positive, individuals will be required to isolate (see Isolation above).

*Current campus policy requires the use of masks indoors, and outdoors if physical distance of six feet cannot be maintained.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>