

Hi,

As we finish the second week of the semester, I want to provide you with an update about our process for working with students in quarantine or isolation. This is an important and key aspect of our public health strategy this fall.

Matt McWilliams sent an [email](#) to campus this week that discussed this process in broad terms. He reminded us of the definitions: quarantine is for those who have been considered contact exposed to positive cases, either at Longwood or elsewhere, even if they have themselves tested negative. Isolation is for those who are themselves positive or presumed positive.

There are three general ways that a student may be in isolation or quarantine, and I want to provide information on each of them.

**1. Students are identified as needing to be in isolation or quarantine through the University Health Center.**

In this case, Jennifer Green, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success, will notify an individual faculty member, copying the relevant associate dean and academic adviser, both when a student is placed into isolation or quarantine, as well as when a student is cleared to return to class.

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**2. Students are identified as needing to be in isolation or quarantine through a different health care provider.**

Some students may be tested at another health provider, who may not know that their patient is a student at Longwood. Similarly, if a person is deemed contact exposed by the Virginia Department of Health because of a situation not related to the University Health Center, they may not know that the person is a Longwood student.

Because of these uncertainties, if a student contacts you to let you know they have been told to quarantine or isolate, please take the following steps:

- Please ask them if they have spoken with a medical staff member at the University Health Center. If they say no, tell them to call the UHC (434-395-2102) so that Longwood staff can provide ongoing medical support and checkups while they are in quarantine. Their medical information will remain private.

- Please also alert Jennifer Green ([greenjk@longwood.edu](mailto:greenjk@longwood.edu)) so that academic support can be organized.

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### **3. Students self-quarantine because they feel that they may have been exposed.**

The Virginia Department of Health is conducting all contact tracing for positive cases and will identify those students who need to quarantine because of an exposure. If a student has not been directed by VDH to quarantine, they have not met the criteria to do so.

While Longwood has said that such students should go to class if they can, we also want to promote a safe environment and reinforce students' positive public health behaviors. If a student contacts you with these concerns, you may make accommodations for individual students' circumstances as necessary and have them participate virtually in class until they contact the University Health Center. And as above, the following steps should also occur:

- Please ask them if they have spoken with a medical staff member at the University Health Center. If they say no, tell them to call the UHC (434-395-2102) so that we can provide ongoing medical support and checkups if they should go in quarantine. Their medical information will remain private.
- Please also alert Jennifer Green ([greenjk@longwood.edu](mailto:greenjk@longwood.edu)) so that academic support can be organized. Once the student has gone through the UHC process she will notify you if the student should not participate in-person or the student is cleared for in-person participation.

In any of the above situations, it is possible that a student may need to miss class before faculty receive official notification from Jennifer Green that a student is being quarantined. If that happens, please work with the student to enable them to participate in class virtually, even if they will not be physically present. Again, we want to promote a safe environment and reinforce students' positive public health behaviors.

If you have any further questions about academic support for quarantined or isolated students, please don't hesitate to reach out to your associate dean or to Jennifer.

I know that students appreciate you working with them, and I am grateful for your efforts as well. Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,  
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