**COVID-19 NOTIFICATION**

We learned that a person who tested positive for COVID-19 spent time in [building/room#] on [DATE(S)] when they may have been infectious to others. The person who tested positive is recovering at home and we wish them well.

1. Individuals identified as “[close contact](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact)s” with the person who tested positive are notified by the University’s contact tracing team. They provide instructions for getting tested, monitoring for symptoms, and masking. “Close contact” is defined as being within six feet for at least 15 minutes cumulatively during a 24-hour period.
2. Isolation is only required for close contacts who develop symptoms regardless of their vaccination status.
3. **If you have not been notified by the contact tracing team, you have not been identified as a close contact**. If you are unsure or have concerns about your possible exposure, you can [get tested](https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/testing/) and be even more diligent about monitoring yourself daily for [symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) for 14 days.
4. **If you experience any COVID-19** [**symptoms**](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html), such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, muscle pain, loss of taste or smell, unexplained headache, even if you are fully vaccinated and even if the symptoms are mild, do the following:
   * **Stay Home,** do not go to work or class, or to any public location except to get tested or for health care
   * [**Get tested**](https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/testing/), and **if you test positive, notify EH&S** at [covidehc@uw.edu](mailto:covidehc@uw.edu) or 206-616-3344
5. What you can do every day to limit the spread of COVID-19:

* **Get** [**vaccinated**](https://www.ehs.washington.edu/covid-19-prevention-and-response/uw-covid-19-vaccination-policy/) **against COVID-19.**
* **Stay home and away from others when you are sick or have** [**symptoms**](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html)**.**
* **Wear** [**an appropriate face covering**.](https://www.ehs.washington.edu/covid-19-prevention-and-response/face-covering-requirements)
* **Wash hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If water is not available, use hand sanitizer.
* **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth** with unwashed hands.
* **Avoid contact with people who are sick**.

The University’s custodians follow the [University’s COVID-19 cleaning protocol](https://www.ehs.washington.edu/system/files/resources/cleaning-disinfection-protocols-covid-19.pdf) and regularly clean high-touch surfaces in common areas of UW buildings.

For more information, see the [University’s case response procedures](https://www.ehs.washington.edu/covid-19-prevention-and-response/covid-19-case-response) and [uw.edu/coronavirus](https://uw.edu/coronavirus). If you have questions, contactUW COVID-19 Response & Prevention Team in the Environmental Health & Safety Department (EH&S) at [covidehc@uw.edu](mailto:covidehc@uw.edu).