

# Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines

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The following guidelines are in accordance with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's [Guidance for COVID-19 Exposure Management in Institutes of Higher Education](#).

<b>VACCINATION STATUS</b>	<b>QUARANTINE</b> <i>Dependent on vaccination/boosted status (see column to left)</i>	<b>ISOLATION</b> <i>Individuals who test positive, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who are fully vaccinated with primary series and boosted (received booster dose if in the eligible time frame)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-OR-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who are fully vaccinated with primary series but not yet booster-eligible</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-OR-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days regardless of vaccination status</li> </ul>	<p>Quarantine <b>IS NOT</b> required for close contacts with the specified vaccination statuses (see column to left).</p> <p>However, close contacts <b>MUST</b> adhere to the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test for COVID-19 immediately and on Day 5 after your last exposure.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: The date of your exposure is considered Day 0. Day 1 is the first full day after your last exposure.</li> <li>If the test is positive, follow isolation instructions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Monitor your health for symptoms of COVID-19 for 10 days after your last exposure. If you develop symptoms, you must isolate and test immediately.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the test is positive, follow isolation instructions.</li> <li>If the test is negative, speak with the Student Health Center.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wear a surgical, KN95, or N95 mask while around others (both indoors and outdoors) for 10 days after your last exposure.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ISOLATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin the isolation period and prepare to stay in isolation for up to 10 days.</li> <li>Wear a surgical, KN95, or N95 mask while around others (both indoors and outdoors)</li> </ul> <p><b>ENDING ISOLATION</b>  <b>Individuals who have symptoms and test positive for COVID-19</b> (or if their doctor thinks they have COVID-19) must isolate until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 5 days have passed since their symptoms first started, <b>and</b></li> <li>They have a negative viral COVID-19 test collected on day 5 or later, <b>and</b></li> <li>They have not had a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours, <b>and</b></li> <li>Their symptoms are improving</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-OR-</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unvaccinated individuals</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-OR-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who are not fully vaccinated with primary series (received only one of two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>- OR -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who are fully vaccinated with primary series and booster-eligible but have <b>not</b> yet received their booster dose</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Individuals are eligible for their booster dose 5 months after they receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or 2 months after they receive the J &amp;J/Janssen vaccine.</p>	<p>Quarantine <b>IS</b> required for close contacts* with the specified vaccination statuses (see column to left).</p> <p>Close contacts must also adhere to the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test for COVID-19 immediately and on Day 5 after your last exposure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: The date of your exposure is considered Day 0. Day 1 is the first full day after your last exposure.</li> <li>If the test is positive, follow isolation instructions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Monitor your health for symptoms of COVID-19 for 10 days after your last exposure. If you develop symptoms, you must isolate and test immediately. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the test is positive, follow isolation instructions.</li> <li>If the test is negative, speak with the Student Health Center.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wear a surgical, KN95, or N95 mask while around others (both indoors and outdoors) for 10 days after your last exposure.</li> </ul> <p><b>ENDING QUARANTINE</b></p> <p>As long as symptoms of COVID-19 are <b>NOT</b> present, individuals may end quarantine either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After 5 full days have passed from their last known contact to the infectious case if they have a negative viral test result from a specimen collected on Day 5 from the date of last exposure to the case.</li> <li>After 10 full days have passed from their last known contact to the infectious case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first started, <b>and</b></li> <li>They have not had a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours, <b>and</b></li> <li>Their symptoms are improving</li> </ul> <p>Note: Day 0 is the day the positive test was taken. Day 1 is the first full day after the positive test was taken. If symptoms worsen after improving, individuals should return to isolation until they have not had a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours <b>and</b> other symptoms improve.</p> <p><b>Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and never develop symptoms</b> must isolate until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 5 days have passed since the initial positive test was taken <b>and</b></li> <li>They have a negative viral COVID-19 test collected on Day 5 or later</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-OR-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They must stay home for 10 days after their initial positive test was taken</li> </ul> <p>Note: Day 0 is the day your positive test was taken. Day 1 is the first full day after your positive test was taken. If symptoms develop within the 10-day period, follow the symptomatic isolation guidelines above.</p>
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**Questions?** Contact the University's COVID-19 Information Line at 310.506.8111 or via email at [covid19info@pepperdine.edu](mailto:covid19info@pepperdine.edu).