

Protocol for Suspected COVID-19 Cases

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PROTOCOL FOR SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASES

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### **1. SUSPECTED CASE?**

Anyone with acute respiratory infection symptoms that appear suddenly and are severe in any way.

The symptoms may include, but are not limited to:

- fever
- coughing
- shortness of breath
- sore throat
- sudden loss of smell or taste
- diarrhea

## If you think you may be a suspected case, you can:

- Use the COVID 19 Tracer Web App to check your symptoms.
- Contact the medical team by phone.
- Or contact your personal own doctor.

*Note: If you think your symptoms require urgent medical attention, call 112.* 

Any suspected case should be PCR tested within 24 hours after the appearance of symptoms to either confirm or rule out the diagnosis.

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#### 2. CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE?

Anyone that falls into the following categories:

- **a.** Active infection: an individual with **a positive PCR test**, regardless of whether COVID-19 compatible symptoms are or are not present.
- **b.** Resolved infection: an individual without symptoms but with a positive IgG serological test. Resolved infections *cannot infect others*.

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II. WHAT IS "CLOSE CONTACT"?

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An individual is considered to have been in close contact with a suspected/confirmed COVID-19 case if the interaction with meets any of the following criteria:

- Shared direct physical contact, such as kisses and hugs.
- face-to-face contact without a mask at a distance of less than 1.5 meters for more than 15 minutes.
- Occupying the same closed, poorly ventilated space, (such as a classroom, work room, office space) without a mask and without physical distancing for more than 15 minutes.
- Direct contact with bodily fluid without appropriate protective measures.

Given the above, it is therefore everyone's responsibility to:

- a. Use of a face mask, especially in enclosed spaces.
- b. Maintain appropriate physical distancing.

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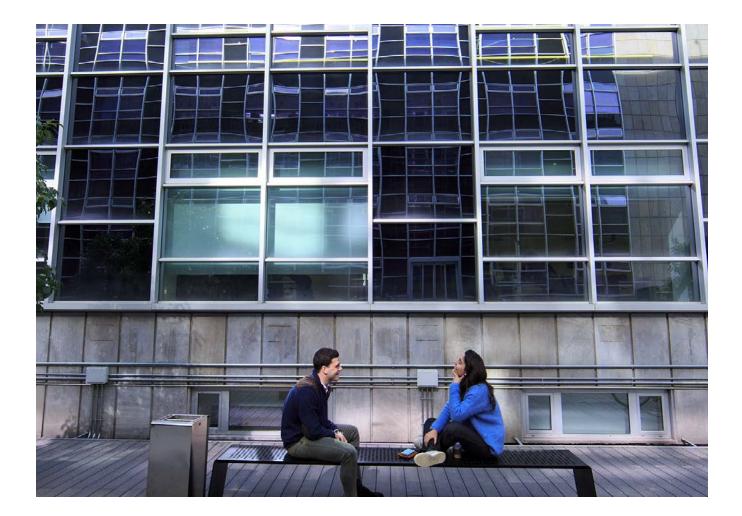
1. If the individual with whom you have been in close contact has tested positive with a PCR, you must:

- a. Stay at home in self-isolation and monitor your symptoms via the COVID-19 Tracer Web App.
- b. Take a PCR test 10 days after your last contact with the confirmed case. The medical team will provide you with directions for the test.

If your PCR test result is positive, remain in self isolation for up to 14 days from the onset of symptoms. The medical team will give you details about the conditions for ending your specific isolation, for example with the disappearance of symptoms or via another PCR test at the end of the isolation period.

If your PCR test is negative, and you have no symptoms, you no longer need to self-isolate and can return to campus strictly following the required health and hygiene recommendations.

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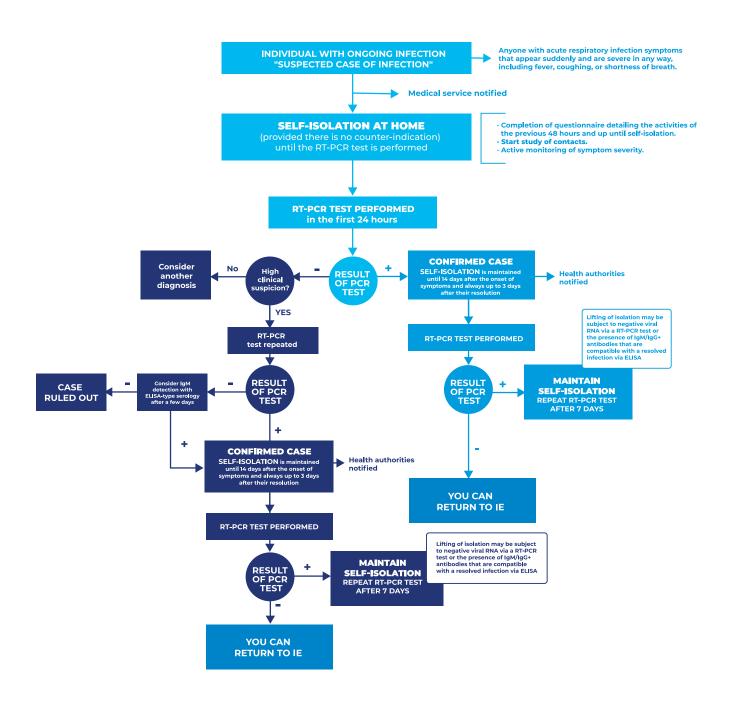


2. If the individual with whom you have been in close contact is a suspected case, you must: stay in isolation monitoring your symptoms via the COVID-19 Tracer Web App until the individual with the suspected case receives his or her PCR test results.

> If the suspected case is confirmed positive via PCR test, you should follow the above recommendations for close contact with a confirmed case.

> If the suspected case is negative via PCR test, you can return to campus. Please note it is important to strictly follow the campus health protection and hygiene recommendations.

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