



Clarkson University

COVID-19 Positive Case Response Plan

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Positive Case Response Plan

HEALTH ASSESSMENT / POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

The COVID 19 positive student will be assessed (in person, phone call, or via Zoom) to determine the need for further medical evaluation and treatment. In most cases, when a student is exhibiting symptoms congruent with COVID, and particularly if they have had contact/exposure to another individual who has tested positive, they will be referred directly for COVID testing, either on campus or a referral will be made to a local testing center. Preferentially, off campus students will be referred to off-campus testing sites to limit any potential further exposure on campus.

If the student requires an in-person assessment, it will be coordinated in a manner to ensure staff at the campus health center are prepared and are able to follow precautions for respiratory pathogens.

- Student Health Center services will not be hosting walk in hours and all appointments will be by appointment only.
- Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) will be having students wait in a designated location until the provider is ready to see them and then the student will receive a call to come in. Thus avoiding the use of the waiting room to the greatest extent possible.
- The waiting room may need to be used for crisis/unplanned medical and mental health emergencies.
- If the student requires further medical evaluation and treatment after their initial evaluation, Student Health Center personnel will assist with facilitating further evaluation as deemed necessary.
- If a student exhibits symptoms after hours (4:30 PM - 8:00 AM), or on days that SHAC is not open (weekends and some holidays), Campus Safety & Security are on call.
- The Student Health Center staff will coordinate with Residential Life, Campus Safety & Security, and Care Team regarding quarantine and self-isolation needs as well as ensuring that students in either scenario are getting their needs met (e.g. prescriptions are picked up and delivered along with other medical/health needs).

Once a student is placed into isolation, the student may return to class and their University residence once their isolation period has ended in accordance with Public Health mandates, and the University has approved the decision to release the student. Students placed into isolation will not require proof of a negative test for their release.

Once a student has been placed into quarantine, the student may return to class and their University residence upon completing 14 days of quarantine from the date of exposure and a negative test result, taken between 12-14 days of their exposure date, has been reviewed and approved.

Next steps:

- Care Team notified and reviews the Student Wellness/Quarantine location determination

- Self-isolation may occur at home (off-campus) or in designated quarantine space on campus
- Contact tracing and associated reports to St. Lawrence County Public Health

St. Lawrence County Health Department contacts the Student Health & Counseling Center when a student tests positive using St. Lawrence Health Systems testing sites. Students who test positive through testing provided by Clarkson University will be notified by the Health Center Director. The Director will also notify the St. Lawrence County Department of Public Health.

St. Lawrence County Department of Public Health (SLCDPH) conducts investigation with known positive(s) for contact tracing purposes. SLCDPH may request from the Health Center Director items including, but not limited to, class seating charts/rosters, fitness center logs, resident location, etc.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE CALL & TRANSPORTATION

- Campus Safety & Security (CSS) continues to transport in the village for non-contagious medical issues that do not require a rescue (i.e. doctors visits, Urgent Care, ER and safety escorts).
- CSS has made alterations to each patrol vehicle (barrier between front and back seat) to limit possible airborne contamination.
- CSS works with local ambulance services in the event that a student can't transport themselves and/or is incapacitated.
- Potsdam Volunteer Rescue Squad (PVRS) to be called in case of a medical emergency as with any other emergency on campus.
 - CSS will advise PVRS of positive or suspected COVID PT's at time of dispatch so that EMS can take proper PPE precautions.
- CU EMS will assist when available for out of village transports for medical visits.
 - CUEMS students will be trained on proper use of PPE before being cleared to perform EMS duties on campus; Canton-Potsdam Hospital staff to assist with this process.

CARE TEAM & COMMUNICATION

The Care Team utilizes a wrap around approach that includes students being assigned to a Care Team member through Maxient and serves as the main contact / case person.

- The Care Team chair is the point of contact for students who are identified as needing isolation (positive) and quarantine (contact with positive case).
- Communication flow when a student is +.
 - Chair notified by SHAC.
 - SLCDPH contacts the student and provides a CU contact to call.
 - CU instructed to wait for SLCDPH to make initial contact with student
 - Chair (or designee) speaks with student and records:

- Exposure & release date per DPH
 - Quarantine location and transportation needs
 - Notification of absence
 - Release from isolation / quarantine requirements
- Residence Life/Facilities & Services will move student(s) to quarantine housing.
 - Coordinate food orders/delivery
- SHAC notifies Marketing & External Relations Department for communication purposes
 - Campus Communications with language similar to this one here: <https://announcements.clarkson.edu/2020/03/26/covid-19-update/> or <https://announcements.clarkson.edu/2020/09/29/restart-communication-reporting-a-positive-covid-19-case-today-on-9-29/> and then follow-up communication as needed.
- Student assigned to Care Team member
 - Care Team consists of members from Safetynet and other key stakeholders on an ad hoc basis (Student Affairs, program coordinators, coaches, D&I, ROTC, athletics, etc.) Care Team meetings will take place weekly.
 - Care Team member will monitor students' needs for resources as it pertains to academic support and communications, health (mental and physical), and basic needs using a step care model to assess level of care needed (low, medium, severe)
- [Welcome to Quarantine letter](#) sent to student via Maxient
 - Care Team member phones and/or Facetimes/zoom with student(s) to review letter contents, checklist, and assesses student needs.
 - Checklist (see quarantine letter)
 - Housing
 - Please refer to the [Isolation, Quarantine & Residence](#) section of this response plan
 - Physical Health
 - Are all medical needs met?
 - SHAC hours and how to contact
 - Emergency resources and contacts for after hours
 - Mental Health
 - Services available Counseling Ctr info and hours
 - Emotional status/ready to go back
 - Food Services
 - Please refer to the [Food Services](#) section of this response plan
 - Academic Readiness and Support
 - Ensuring accommodations are made to meet academic needs (remote learning, testing accommodations, internet access, excused absences, existing OAS accommodations, etc.)
 - Monitoring until the student is able and cleared to return to class.

ISOLATION, QUARANTINE & RESIDENCE

Student Departs Campus/Returns to Permanent Address

- If possible, and according to the Student Wellness Plan, it is recommended that when possible students return to their permanent residence; however that may not be possible
- Students that can't return to their permanent address or indicated that they prefer to self-isolate or quarantine on campus (Newell House) will follow the protocols outlined below for campus residents.

Isolation (students who test positive)

- Students remaining on campus will isolate in Newell House until cleared to return to their own space, after all public health requirements have been met, and the University has approved their return.
- Move to Newell House
 - Students will be instructed to bring essential personal and academic belongings
 - Facilities will supply each room with bedding, shampoo, toothpaste, face mask, etc.
 - Campus Safety & Security and/or Residence Life will get essential materials left behind.
- Move back to assigned room:
 - Student moves their belongings.
 - Facilities cleans and sanitize bathroom, bedroom, bedding, and remove and replenish all toiletries.
 - Campus Safety helps with transportation if necessary.
- Campus Safety & Security and Residence Life will deliver food and other necessities to the student during isolation period
- **Expectations for self-isolation/quarantine residents:**
 - Students in self-isolation/quarantine housing cannot leave their rooms during their stay in self-isolation/quarantine housing unless there is an emergency alarm activation. If an alarm is activated students must wear a mask, and gather next to the Blue Light Emergency Call Station.
 - Students will need to contact the Residence Life Office (reslife@clarkson.edu) with an essential items list within the first 24 hours of moving into self-isolation/quarantine housing.
 - Students will move their belongings from self-isolation/quarantine housing immediately following clearance from Public Health back to their assigned residence hall room.
 - Students will need to order all meals online from Sodexo to be delivered by Campus Safety & Security or designated University employees.
 - Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 will need to be prepared to have a roommate who has also tested positive. Students awaiting test results will not be allowed to have a roommate.

Quarantine (students awaiting results)

Presumed positive student(s) and/or students placed into mandated quarantine due to potential exposure, by the University and/or by the Department of Public Health, will be immediately placed in quarantine. If a student who is presumed to be positive awaiting test results has a confirmed positive COVID 19 test, they will be moved to isolation space. If a student is placed into mandated quarantine

by Public Health, they will require a negative COVID 19 test, preferably between dates 12-14 of their last known exposure, prior to release from quarantine. Members of the Care Team will continue to monitor and communicate with students.

Campus Residents:

- Campus Safety & Security will deliver food and other necessities to the student during isolation period
- Move to Newell House
 - Facilities will supply each room with bedding, shampoo, toothpaste, face mask, etc.
 - Residence Life will get essential academic materials.
 - Within 24 hours Facilities, Residence Life, and Campus Safety will coordinate essential belongings.
 - Students will have their own bedroom but may be required to share a bathroom with one other individual.
 - Should students need to share a bathroom with one other individual, cleaning supplies will be supplied to disinfect the bathroom prior / after each use
- Move back to assigned room:
 - Student moves their belongings.
 - Facilities cleans and sanitize bathroom, bedroom, bedding, and remove and replenish all toiletries.
 - Campus Safety helps with transportation if necessary.
- **Expectations for quarantine residents:**
 - Students in self-isolation/quarantine housing cannot leave their rooms during their stay in self-isolation/quarantine housing unless there is an emergency alarm activation. If an alarm is activated students must wear a mask, and gather next to the Blue Light Emergency Call Station.
 - Students will need to contact the Residence Life Office (reslife@clarkson.edu) with an essential items list within the first 24 hours of moving into self-isolation/quarantine housing.
 - Students will move their belongings from self-isolation/quarantine housing immediately following clearance from Public Health back to their assigned residence hall room.
 - Students will need to order all meals online from Sodexo to be delivered by Campus Safety & Security.
 - Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 will need to be prepared to have a roommate who has also tested positive. Students awaiting test results will not be allowed to have a roommate.

Off-Campus Students:

- Off-campus residents will be granted self-isolation / quarantine services as space is available.
 - In cases where an off-campus student is granted quarantine services on campus the accommodation including housing and food services may be at the individual's expense.
- Off-campus residents will be expected to self-isolate for a period of 14 days.
 - Self-isolation requirements may include house/roommates.

DISCONTINUATION OF ISOLATION or QUARANTINE

Isolation - A student may return to class and campus residence when all criteria have been met by the department of public health and they have received notice of their release. The university may require students to extend their isolation period to protect the health and safety of the campus community, particularly in cases where on campus residents and/or classmates could be impacted. Criteria for release from the Department of Public Health, a person isolates for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms or from the date of their test if they did not show symptoms. In order to be released from isolation, a person must be fever free for at least 72 hours, without fever-reducing medication and with other symptoms improving. For a person who never develops symptoms, isolation ends 10 days after the date of their positive COVID-19 test.

Quarantine - Department of Public Health will provide students with an exposure date and release date. Also, the University may require students to quarantine in accordance with student policies, as students await test results, and to protect the health and safety of the campus community. The student may return to class and campus residence upon completing **the designated number of quarantine days and submitting the results of a negative test taken preferably 12-14 days from the date of exposure.**

FOOD SERVICES

Campus residents

- For students on a campus dining plan, meals will be ordered online in advance and delivered by Campus Safety & Security or designated University employees once per day.
- Isolation and quarantine spaces will be outfitted with a refrigerator and microwave.
- For campus residents not on a meal plan, students (at their personal expense) will place orders in advance and have food delivered by Campus Safety & Security or designated employers once per day. *Note that emergency funding may be made available on a case-by-case basis for students not on a meal plan.*

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Individual residential rooms where a student has tested positive or has been placed in isolation/quarantine will be left vacant for 72 hours after the student has moved out prior to Facilities & Services sanitizing the room.
- Following the 72 hour room vacancy, a mobile ultraviolet decontamination unit is placed in the center of the room and allowed to run for a period of 30 minutes prior to entering the space to disinfect it for any room where a student has tested positive.

- The mobile ultraviolet decontamination unit is also used in the event that a space where a student has been placed in quarantine cannot be left vacant for the full 72 hours after the student has moved out.
- Then, EPA-approved disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2, including ProLink #14 Broadband (EPA registration #10324-141), Spray Nine (EPA registration #6659-3) and/or Full San II (EPA registration #10324-93) will be utilized by custodial staff to disinfect the space.
- Application of the disinfectant will be via a Motorscrubber Storm Ballistic Virus Killer, which is a battery powered mister equipped with either a 1 gallon or 5 gallon tank sprayer.
- All necessary personal protective equipment will be worn while performing these tasks, including gloves, a gown, safety glasses, faceshield and a mask.