

Guidance for Faculty Teaching In-Person with Students in Isolation or Quarantine

Emory College has been notified that a student in your course has been placed in quarantine or isolation due to possible exposure to COVID-19. As your course meets in person, please note that the student will not be in attendance for the next two weeks or longer depending on their individual circumstances.

The University is providing wrap-around support services to students in quarantine and isolation, including academic, health, mental health, and spiritual support services, as well as practical support such as meal deliveries and laundry service.

With regard to academics, an academic advisor in the Office for Undergraduate Education has reached out to the student to determine whether they will need any specific academic assistance, learning support, or accommodations. Some students may simply be in quarantine due to possible exposure or may have only mild symptoms, and we expect these students to continue to engage in your course, though remotely. Other students may be seriously ill and in need of more extensive academic support and accommodations, such as EPASS tutoring or the extensions of deadlines. An OUE advisor will contact you if we become aware of any specific academic needs. For some serious cases, OUE may also work with students to provide them with course withdrawals or incompletes, or other appropriate accommodations. Feel free to reach out directly to the student to offer your support.

During this period, it is important that you not penalize students in quarantine or isolation for their absences and that you record your class using Zoom (or other methods) and make it available to students via Canvas. If you are able to identify a student willing to take notes in class, this would be helpful to students in quarantine and isolation.

You may have questions about health and safety as a result of this notification. In cases where proper physical distancing and two-factor protection (e.g. distance plus face mask, shield, or acrylic barrier) have been maintained, contact is not considered to be close, and in-person classes should continue as normal. Campus Services will clean the classroom according to University protocol. To protect the privacy of students, refrain from sharing information with your class about students in quarantine or isolation. Emory has instituted contact tracing and case investigation and will contact you and your students if testing is necessary due to close contact (less than six feet distance for more than 15 minutes) with a COVID-19 positive individual. Emory College is tracking the number of students who are isolated in your class (as opposed to quarantined as a precaution), and will be in contact if there is a need for you to move your class online.

Student Health Services will clear students to return to class when it is safe to do so and according to CDC guidelines and Emory Healthcare recommendations. When students are removed from quarantine or isolation, they may safely return to their regular activities, including attending classes. After leaving quarantine or isolation, students may continue to need academic support or assistance, and OUE advisors will remain in contact with you for such cases.

If you have questions or concerns about specific students in your course, please contact oue.advising@emory.edu. If you have general questions about your course, academic policies, or quarantine and isolation, please contact Jason Ciejka and Cora MacBeth in the Office for Undergraduate Education at oue.facultysupport@emory.edu.