I’m a student and tested positive for COVID-19.

What happens next?

The [CDC has updated the recommended isolation and quarantine period](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov_prevention-control/prevention-strategies.html) for people with COVID-19. If you test positive for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status), you should isolate for five days and if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving (fever free for 24 hours), follow that by five days of wearing a mask when around others.

   The information goes to the Office of Institutional Research and is used to notify:
   - **Campus Safety.** They monitor information about the prevalence of COVID-19 on campus and will share this information anonymously as needed.

2. If you live on-campus:
   - Effective May 6, 2022, quarantine and isolation housing will no longer be offered.
   - Stay at an isolation location for 5 days.
   - On-campus students are encouraged to return home to complete their isolation period. Students may choose to isolate in their residence hall or University apartment and should only leave to receive medical care or for meals.

3. Let your instructors know you will not be in class.
   - It is up to you if want to tell your instructors you tested positive for COVID-19. Many students will be able to continue their studies remotely and may elect not to share their diagnosis.
     However, instructors will follow their regular procedures for working with students who need to miss class due to an illness.
   - Your instructor will ask you to complete the [COVID-19 Self-Report Form](https://auburn.edu/covidhelp). You will be provided with a confirmation message you can share to show that the form was completed.

4. Notify your close contacts.
   - Anyone who had close contact (15 or more minutes, 6 feet apart or less) with you need to be contacted to let them know they have been exposed to COVID-19.

5. You can return to campus when:
   - You have spent at least 5 calendar days (from the onset of your symptoms or if you are asymptomatic, from the date of your positive test) in self-isolation.
   - If you have no symptoms or your symptoms (especially no fever for 24 hours) are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
   - Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
   - If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

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