

## Wingate University Health Center

### COVID-19 Testing Policy

1. All students need to understand that living in a campus/residential setting places the individual at risk for exposure to communicable diseases such as Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19. The Health Center will offer any patient requesting testing (whether symptomatic or not) the opportunity to be tested for current infection with Covid-19. The student or their insurance company will be billed for the cost of the test. Elective asymptomatic testing requests will be done as long as supplies are readily available, however, most insurance companies will not cover the cost of elective Covid-19 testing. Any portion of the bill that is not covered by the student's health insurance, will be billed to the student's account.
2. If a commuter student is awaiting test results for suspected COVID-19 they should isolate at home or away from others until test results are available. If the student tests positive, they will be asked to isolate at home for 5 days. Students can leave isolation on day 6 as long as their symptoms are improving and they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medications. Students must be cleared by the Health Center before coming out of isolation and returning to in-person classes or campus activities. Once cleared by the Health Center, students should mask for 4 additional days when indoors around others.
3. If a residential student tests positive for Covid-19, they will need to isolate in their permanent off campus housing for 5 days from symptom onset, or for 5 days from testing positive (if asymptomatic). **Isolation space on campus is not available.** If the student is not able to go home to isolate, they will have to remain in their assigned residence space. In such a situation, the infected student should inform the exposed roommate(s) that they are a close contact so they may make temporary alternative living arrangements as needed. They can leave isolation on day 6 as long as their symptoms are improving and they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medications. Students must be cleared by the Health Center before coming out of isolation. The student will not be allowed to attend in-person classes, university gatherings, or campus activities until cleared by the Health Center. Once cleared by the Health Center, students should mask for 4 additional days when around others. All questions related to isolation or quarantine should be directed to the Wingate University Health Center at 704-233-8102. If any questions arise after hours, students should email the health center for follow-up the next business day at [health.center@wingate.edu](mailto:health.center@wingate.edu) . They can also reach out to the Residence Life RD on duty for temporary guidance or assistance at 980-210-4950.

4. We are no longer contact tracing. Students who test positive will be responsible for notifying any and all close contacts. Close contact refers to anyone who was less than six feet from the infected person for more than 15 cumulative minutes within a 24 hour period up to 2 days before symptom onset.

5. Anyone that has been exposed to someone who tested positive for Covid is no longer required to quarantine, based on updated CDC guidelines. Anyone exposed should wear a mask when indoors and around others for 10 days from their last exposure. They should be tested 6 days after they were exposed, or as soon as they develop symptoms. Testing can be done at the Health Center or at an outside facility if the Health Center is closed. Students should contact the health center to schedule a day 6 Covid test, or to schedule a test for symptom onset. If they test negative, they can continue normal activities and are recommended to wear a mask when indoors and around others for 10 days. If they test positive, they should isolate for 5 days from symptom onset, and wear a mask for 4 days after leaving isolation.

7. Any asymptomatic close contacts who test positive will be required to isolate. See number 3 above for instructions for isolation. .

8. According to current CDC guidelines, anyone that has tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days could become reinfected with Covid-19. If a student is identified as a close contact exposure and tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 30 days, they do not need to quarantine and should only be tested for Covid if they develop symptoms. They do need to wear a mask when around others for 10 days following their close contact exposure. If a close contact tested positive for Covid-19 more than 30 days ago, they do not need to quarantine, but they should be tested for Covid-19 on the 6th day following their close contact exposure, or as soon as they develop symptoms. If they test positive, they will start the isolation process. If they test negative, they can continue normal activity and should wear a mask when around others for 10 days following their close contact exposure.