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## Clarifications re: COVID protocols

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To: All Students <allstudents@coe.edu>

Dear Students,

We write to clarify a few things and to ask for your help:

- Several faculty have reached out to share that students are reporting close contacts or COVID results without those results being confirmed by the COVID response team.
- Authorized class absences related to COVID requires connecting with the COVID response team by reaching out to [covid@coe.edu](mailto:covid@coe.edu), who reports this information to the Learning Commons.
- We have had a couple of situations where students waited to inform the college of their positive results or as close contacts who developed symptoms. The Student Life team is currently going through the conduct process.
- Students must report any positive results or close contact status to the college. This is for the safety of all students, as well as public health requirements. [Here](#) is the protocol.
  - Positive students, and close contact with symptoms are required to isolate in a private space per college policy and to inform the college immediately.
  - Close contacts who are not vaccinated are required to quarantine for 5 days in their living space, and close contacts who are vaccinated are required to report this information to the COVID response team, wear a mask indoors for 10 days and to report any symptoms to [covid@coe.edu](mailto:covid@coe.edu) immediately.
  - Testing is widely available for students, both rapid and lab, and free. Please submit a request to set up a test [here](#).
  - Secondary exposures (a friend of a friend who tested positive or a significant others' roommate) do not fall within the guidelines of need to quarantine or isolate, although if that individual has developed symptoms, it should be reported to a COVID response team member at [covid@coe.edu](mailto:covid@coe.edu) to schedule testing or to determine quarantine options.
- COVID policies are essential to the safety of our community, and violations will result in student conduct violations. Please do your part to report positive results, close contacts, and respond in a timely way to the COVID response team.

The U.S. is past the peak for the Omicron variant in multiple places. With some cooperation and collaboration, we can get through this safely and as a community. Thank you for your help!

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