

COVID-19 STUDENT PROTOCOL

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Summary: Due to recent updates from the CDC regarding Covid-19, submission of a Coronavirus Incident Reporting Form is no longer mandatory for students. Covid-19 is now included with other respiratory viruses regarding medical management and guidelines. The protocol for testing, isolation and exposure is indicated as listed below. Please visit the following link for additional CDC information on respiratory illnesses. https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/respiratory-virus-guidance.html

1. Any student requesting a medical excuse from the Student Health Center due to a positive COVID-19 home test must complete a Student Coronavirus Incident Reporting Form by using the following link on the Student Health Center website. www.subr.edu/studenthealthcenter The student must submit proof of the positive test to studenthealthcenter@subr.edu . Medical excuses will be emailed to students after verification is completed by a Student Health Center staff member. The length of excused days will be determined by the Student Health Center provider based on an assessment of symptoms. Students evaluated by providers outside of Student Health may submit the excuses received from these providers directly to their instructors or employers without any additional documentation from Student Health.
2. Covid-19 rapid tests are acceptable tests for diagnosing Covid-19 and can be performed at home. If symptoms persist, repeat the rapid test in 48 hours to further support negative results.
3. If any student test positive, the student must not attend class or participate in campus activities until symptoms have improved, and the the student has been without fever > 24 hours without the use of any fever reducing medications. Upon ending the appropriate isolation, students should take added precautions for a full 5 days when interacting with other students, faculty and staff. These precautions include wearing a face mask, physical distancing, good hygiene practices, testing and taking steps for cleaner air. Please refer to CDC Respiratory Viruses Guidance for details on these precautions.
4. Students are not required to quarantine or isolate after exposure to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19. However, if symptoms occur after exposure, students are strongly encouraged to test for Covid-19 to prevent spread in the campus community.

5. Students can request medical excuses by emailing the request to studenthealthcenter@subr.edu. Student Health Center staff will respond and send excuses to the university emails only of the requesting student after verification of the positive Covid-19 home test. Excuses from non-Student Health Center providers will not be extended without a visit to a SHC provider before the expiration of the current excuse. Student Health will not provide medical excuses for students who fail to notify Student Health and provide proof of the diagnosis within 72 hours of a positive home test. It is the responsibility of the student to return calls and contact Student Health to request excuses and to confirm that their submission of an incident form is verified.

6. Any student who does not comply with the stated protocol or knowingly submits false information will be reported to the Division of Student Affairs for review and recommendations of defined conduct violations according to university protocol.