



The College recognizes the serious implications that the spread of communicable diseases, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has on the health, safety, and welfare of students, faculty and staff.

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS/EXPOSURE PROTOCOL

1. Within 48 hours of being exposed (as defined by NCDHHS) or first experiencing symptoms, employees must report to the Office of Personnel Services and Workplace Safety at [CDEmployee@coastalcarolina.edu](mailto:CDEmployee@coastalcarolina.edu). Employees are also required to report to this same email if they are COVID-19 positive.
2. Within 48 hours of being exposed (as defined by NCDHHS) or first experiencing symptoms, students must report to Student Services via [CDStudent@coastalcarolina.edu](mailto:CDStudent@coastalcarolina.edu). Students are also required to report to this same email if they are COVID-19 positive.
3. Student Services or the Office of Personnel Services and Workplace Safety will obtain relevant information.
4. If necessary, the student or employee will be isolated until they are able to leave campus.
5. Student Services or the Office of Personnel Services and Workplace Safety will notify the appropriate Vice President and President.
6. Cleaning/disinfection of the affected worksite or classroom, in accordance with CDC Guidelines, will be requested as soon as possible.
7. The Vice President of Administrative Support Services will contact the Onslow County Health Department to seek guidance on the appropriate response as necessary.
8. Notification of potential exposure will be provided to those affected as recommended by the Onslow County Health Department.

**(Effective Date January 1, 2022)**

**If an employee or student tests positive for COVID-19**, they must quarantine for 5 days from the date of the positive test result. Prior to receiving authorization to return to campus after the required isolation period, an individual must be asymptomatic and/or fever free for at least 24 hours.

**If an employee or student has symptoms of COVID-19**, as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), they **MUST** be tested and receive a negative test result before returning to campus **OR** provide a return to work/school authorization before returning to campus. Verification of a negative test **OR** return to work/school is required.

**If an unvaccinated employee or student, or if an employee or student has not received a booster and completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine longer than within the past 6 months OR the primary series of J&J vaccine longer than within the last two months, is exposed (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes)** to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must quarantine and be tested 5 days from exposure. If the test result is negative and the employee or student has experienced no other contact with the person who tested positive, or anyone else who is COVID-19 positive, they may return to work or school. If they have no means to prevent further exposure with the person who tested positive, before returning to work or school, they must provide a negative test result from a COVID-19 test taken 5 days from the last exposure.

**If an employee or student has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered**, they do not have to quarantine, after close contact, or re-test as long as they do not develop new symptoms. Verification of a positive test within the last three months is required.

**If a vaccinated, including booster, employee or student is exposed** with someone who has COVID-19, they are not required to quarantine, if they have been fully vaccinated, including booster, against the disease and show no symptoms. Such individuals are to wear a facial covering, maintain appropriate social distance and must be tested 5 days from the last exposure. Verification of vaccination and booster are both required. According to the CDC, vaccinated means an individual has received a booster and/or completed one of the following series: primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the past 6 months and/or the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last two months.

**Current Mask Policy:** Effective immediately (3/9/22), face coverings are optional both indoors and outdoors unless more stringent protocols are mandated by a college affiliation, such as Marine Corps bases or clinical sites.