

Revised UC Isolation and Quarantine Policy – Omicron Variant prevalent

Revisions made to the University's Isolation and Quarantine Policy have been informed by the WV DHHR's Bureau of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for congregate facilities and schools. The Omicron variant is transmitted from person to person more easily than the Delta variant and the original virus. Data tracked by public health officials have shown that "people who are boosted or are less than 6 months out from their primary mRNA series or less than 2 months from the J&J vaccine have the highest protection from COVID-19." The University's revised policy reflects all guidance received as of January 6, 2022 and is subject to further revision as warranted in an effort to protect the health and safety of our UC community.

Individual Tested Positive – Applies to everyone regardless of vaccination status

- Isolate away from others for 6 days. Positive person can choose to test on Day 6 and if they test negative on Day 6, they will be released from isolation and must wear a well-fitted mask for 4 more days. If Day 6 test is positive, continue to isolate through Day 10.

Individual Was Exposed to Someone who tested positive for COVID-19

Fully-vaccinated person

- Fully-vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna within the last 6 months, OR
- Fully-vaccinated with J&J within the last 2 months and have received their booster
- Fully-vaccinated and has received their booster

Safety Requirements

- No quarantine is required unless symptoms develop
- Wear well-fitted mask around others for 10 days
- Recommend testing 5 days after exposure
- Recommend testing and staying home if symptoms develop

Vaccination too long ago & no booster

- Fully-vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna over 6 months ago and has not received their booster, OR
- Fully-vaccinated with J&J over 2 months and has not received their booster

Safety Requirements

- Quarantine at home for 6 days after last date of exposure and if remain asymptomatic, test negative on Day 6 for release from quarantine.
 - If Day 6 test is positive, isolation protocol is required as specified above from the date of positive test
 - If released on Day 6 with a negative test result, wear well-fitted mask around others for 4 more days
- If symptoms develop, test immediately. If positive test, isolation protocol is required as specified above from the date of positive test.

Not vaccinated at all

Safety Requirements

- Quarantine at home for 10 days
- Recommend testing 5 days after exposure. If positive, isolation protocol is required as specified above from the date of positive test.