Policy title	Category
COVID guidance for the NWU campus community	Human Resources Public Safety/Risk Management
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Policy statement

The health and safety of our community is always a top concern. As you may be aware, the federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration ended in May 2023, however we want to remind you of the recommended guidance if you test positive for COVID-19. (Updated March 2024)

General Guidance

Presumed positive or confirmed positive test:

- There is no longer a 5-day isolation period for a presumed positive or confirmed positive test.
- If you are sick and require time away from school or work, you may return to normal activities once symptoms begin improving and you are fever free for 24 hours without use of a fever-reducing medication. This is the same guidance used to avoid transmitting flu and other illnesses.
- Once you resume normal activities, you are encouraged to take additional prevention strategies for the next 5 days to curb spread, such as taking more steps for cleaner air (opening doors/windows and fresh air), enhancing hygiene practices, wearing a well-fitting mask, keeping a distance from others, and/or getting tested for respiratory viruses.
- There is no requirement to obtain a negative COVID-19 test prior to returning to work or school.
- COVID-19 tests are available at **Student Health** for undergraduate students. Please schedule an appointment **here**. Covid tests are available at Student Health for graduate students, but nurses will not administer the test.
- Faculty should contact their department chair or the Provost, Graciela Caneiro-Livingston if you have questions.
- Staff should contact their direct supervisor for questions.

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