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# Northern New Mexico College COVID Protocols and Policies



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# NNMC COVID Policy

- **Northern NM College is committed to a safe and healthy workplace.** To that end, our vaccination policy is still in place for our staff, faculty, and students, and we encourage booster shots. Although COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths have declined, the Omicron variants are still present in our community.
- **Masks are optional but strongly encouraged.** Masking helps us all stay safer and shows kindness to others, especially those more vulnerable. Those hosting events should have masks available.
- As a guest to our campus, please be aware of our vaccination policies, sign in when you enter our buildings, and adhere to our temperature check procedures.
- We have posted a symptoms checklist at our entrances and ask that if you confirm any of these, please do not enter our buildings or participate in public events.

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# How to determine “Close Contact”

*CDC guidance for children and adults in indoor and outdoor settings (excluding K-12 school settings):*

- Were you less than 6 feet away from someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19?
- Have you been in the presence of someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period? Include the period 2 days before the infected person developed symptoms or the date they were tested if they do not have symptoms.
- If the answers to the questions above are both yes, you have had a close contact, regardless of whether the person was wearing a mask properly.
- If the answer to either of the questions above is no, you have not had a close contact.

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# CDC Recommendations for Unvaccinated Close Contacts

- **If you are not fully vaccinated and boosted**, you need to quarantine for at least five (5) days from the date of last close contact.
- **You should wear a well-fitting mask** when around others for 10 days from the date of the last close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- **If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms**, you should watch for symptoms for 10 days and get tested at least five (5) days after the close contact.
- **If you test positive**, continue to isolate per CDC guidelines.

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# CDC Recommendations for Vaccinated Close Contacts

- If you have taken the full series of recommended COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, you do not need to quarantine but should get tested at least five (5) days after close contact.
- **Watch for symptoms and wear a well-fitting mask** while around other people for 10 days from the date of last close contact.
- **If you develop symptoms**, you should isolate and get tested immediately. If you test positive, you should continue to isolate per CDC guidelines.
- **If you had a prior infection** in the past 90 days and have symptoms, you should isolate immediately and get tested.