

## Faculty of Medicine COVID-19 Guidance FAQ

**Q: I have been exposed to a known COVID-positive person. What do I do now?**

**A:** All medical students who have been exposed to COVID-19 and are being tested for COVID 19 are required by UGME to 1) report this to Student Affairs, 2) to monitor symptoms *and* 3) self-isolate for two weeks (even if they have received a negative test). This applies to all exposure incidents including those outside of Dalhousie and Health Authority locations.

Students who provided care to a *presumed* COVID-negative patient that later tests positive for COVID must also get tested for COVID.

**Q: How do I arrange testing?**

**A:** If you have been:

- **exposed in the community, or outside of a clinical and/or Dalhousie learning environment**, you must email Student Affairs and call 811, **or** use the [NS Public Health online testing tool](#), the [NB Public Health online testing tool](#), or the [PEI online testing tool](#).
- **exposed in a clinical setting** you must alert Occupational Health (Nova Scotia, PEI), or Employee Health (NB) at the health authority where you are working. You must also email Student Affairs.

Please keep up to date on bulletins and follow all advice from Public Health and Occupational/Employee Health as advice and directives can evolve and vary by location.

**Q: Do I report to learning sessions and clinical rotations?**

**A:** *Med 1 and 2 students* are asked to **not attend** in-person sessions during the two weeks of self-isolation, even if asymptomatic.

*Med 3 and 4 students* are asked to follow Occupational Health & Safety/Employee Health guidance for the health authority they are working in. This may vary depending on the type of exposure. Please follow the [absences due to illness policy](#).

**Q: Why might I be asked to report to work as a clinical clerk?**

**A:** *Med 3 and 4 students* are health care workers as well as learners. In some settings, students may be asked to continue their clinical duties should they remain asymptomatic, while following work-isolation procedures. They must self-isolate from others for two weeks. Follow the guidelines provided by Occupational Health/Employee Health and Public Health in the location you are working in.

**Q: Why do I have to contact so many places?**

**A:** Medical learners work in intersecting health and learning environments.

Student Affairs tracks learner exposure to any infectious disease, coordinates with UGME, and provides support that can help navigate the testing or care you may need during any required self-isolation.

Occupational Health (NS, PEI) and Employee Health (NB) track learner exposure to COVID for the clinical setting or health authority and provide advice to ensure the health of clinical workers, patients, and staff.

Public Health is tracking COVID exposure for the provinces, access to tests, contact-tracing and sets guidelines.