UPDATED Protocols for COVID-19

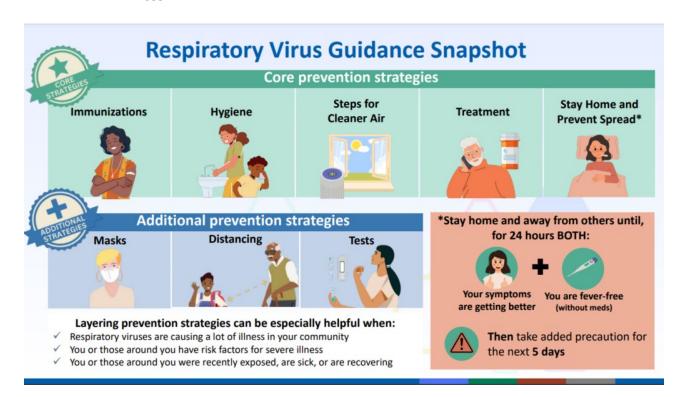
On March 01, 2024, CDC updated COVID-19 guidance by removing the 5-day COVID-19 isolation recommendation.

According to the <u>CDC's updated guidance</u>, those who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and away from others. The recommendations suggest returning to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are improving overall, and if a fever was present, it has been gone without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Students and community members who have symptoms suggestive of a viral respiratory illness such as the flu, RSV, or COVID-19 are now advised to follow the updated respiratory virus guidance published by the CDC.

The updated guidance recommends the following <u>core prevention strategies</u> to protect yourself and others from common respiratory viral illnesses such as COVID-19, Flu, and RSV.

- Stay up to date with <u>immunizations</u>
- Practice good hygiene (practices that improve cleanliness)
- Take steps for <u>cleaner air</u>
- When you may have a respiratory virus:
 - Use <u>precautions to prevent spread</u>
 - Seek health care promptly for testing and/or treatment if you have <u>risk</u> <u>factors for severe illness</u>; <u>treatment</u> may help lower your risk of severe illness



Students living with a roommate in residential housing are strongly encouraged to go home until symptoms improve. If this is not possible, residential students will stay in their current room assignment, and can use added precautions such as masking, handwashing, and surface cleaning to reduce transmission risks to the roommate(s). Residential students who need additional support should contact Residence Life directly.

The University reserves the right to update protocols and requirements.