

**Nova Southeastern University
College of Osteopathic Medicine**

Policy:	Temporary Policy for COVID-19 Exposure
COM Program/Degree:	All Programs
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The following temporary policy regarding COVID-19 exposure is being put in place as an addendum to the 2020-2021 Student Handbook, and is effective immediately.

Temporary Policy for COVID-19 Exposure

Students who are exposed to COVID-19 must report the exposure to the Office of Student Affairs (DO Program) at KPCOMStudentAffairs@nova.edu or the Graduate Program Director (Graduate Programs) at KPCOMgradprograms@nova.edu as soon as they are aware of the exposure. Additionally, students will need to complete the NSU documentation/reporting of COVID 19 at <https://www.nova.edu/ehs/cv19-resources/reporting-covid-19.html>.

Additional requirements and restrictions regarding student coursework are in place and are determined by the type of coursework.

Students in clinical rotations/preceptorships

- A student on a clinical rotation, preceptorship or similar type of course who tests positive for COVID-19 or has a COVID-19 exposure must self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.
 - **Criteria for Return:** The student can return after 14 days of quarantine if they have 2 negative tests, collected a minimum of 24 hours apart. Testing starts day 10. The student must also be asymptomatic for 72 hours and fever free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medications, prior to return, and have a note from a physician clearing the student to return. Students with exposure to COVID-19 who remain asymptomatic do not need to have 2 negative tests to return after the 14 day quarantine period.
- If the student has a positive COVID-19 test and is symptomatic, the student will be placed on a leave of absence (LOA) until such time that the student meets the Criteria

for Return. The student may not complete any coursework or take any examinations during this time.

- If the student has a positive COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic, the student may continue any online coursework or may be offered the opportunity to complete online coursework as long as the student remains asymptomatic and has obtained a note from a physician stating that the student is cleared to complete online coursework. If a student who has been granted permission to complete online coursework becomes symptomatic, the student must discontinue any online coursework and notify the Office of Student Affairs for further instructions.
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Students in programs with both online and direct contact coursework

- A student in a program with both online and direct contact coursework who tests positive for COVID-19 or has a COVID-19 exposure must self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.
 - **Criteria for Return:** The student can return after 14 days of quarantine if they have 2 negative tests, collected a minimum of 24 hours apart. Testing starts day 10. The student must also be asymptomatic for 72 hours and fever free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medications, prior to return, and have a note from a physician clearing the student to return. Students with exposure to COVID-19 who remain asymptomatic do not need to have 2 negative tests to return after the 14 day quarantine period.
- If the student has a positive COVID-19 test and is symptomatic, the student will be granted an excused absence for all missed assignments, examinations and mandatory attendance sessions until such time that the student meets the Criteria for Return. The student will not be allowed to complete any coursework or take any examinations during this time. The student will be allowed to make up all missed coursework without penalty upon their return.
- If the student has a positive COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic, the student may continue any online coursework and online examinations as long as the student remains asymptomatic and has obtained a note from a physician stating that the student is cleared to complete online coursework. The student will not be allowed to participate in any in-person coursework or practical/clinical skills examinations until such time that the student meets the Criteria for Return. The student will be allowed to make up all missed coursework without penalty upon their return. If a student who

has been granted permission to complete online coursework becomes symptomatic, the student must discontinue any online coursework and notify the Office of Student Affairs for further instructions.

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Students in programs with only online coursework

- A student in a program with only online coursework who tests positive for COVID-19 or has a COVID-19 exposure must self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.
 - **Criteria for Return:** The student can return after 14 days of quarantine if they have been asymptomatic for 72 hours and fever free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medications, prior to return, and have a note from a physician clearing the student to return.
- If the student has a positive COVID-19 test and is symptomatic, the student will be granted an excused absence for all missed assignments, examinations and mandatory attendance sessions until such time that the student meets the Criteria for Return. The student will not be allowed to complete any coursework or take any examinations during this time. The student will be allowed to make up all missed coursework without penalty upon their return.
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