

**How many people have tested positive? Will UVF be releasing the names of anyone who tests positive so I can tell if I was exposed or not?**

At this point, there have been a very low number of positive cases within the campus community. For some, symptoms occurred after off-campus travel. For privacy reasons, the University is not releasing the identities of individuals who are in isolation or quarantine.

**How will I know if I've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive?**

Student Life and the Health Center have been meeting (virtually) with those who have reported symptoms. Student Life and the Health Center are identifying individuals who may have been exposed to the virus, according to CDC guidelines (within 6 feet of a known case for more than 15 minutes). If you haven't been contacted directly by Student Life or the Health Center as a follow up in one of these cases, you were not affected.

**I've heard people are quarantining. Does this mean that the number of cases is increasing?**

Student Life is reaching out to anyone who may have been exposed in order to place them in quarantine. This is out of an abundance of caution, and will help reduce the possibility of on-campus spread of illness. An increase in the number of quarantining students does not necessarily mean an increase in the number of cases, just that we are being aggressive about controlling any potential spread.

**Are people in quarantine sick?**

People who are in quarantine are not showing symptoms, but we are watching to see if any symptoms will develop.

**My room/suite mate is in quarantine. Should I be in quarantine as well?**

A quarantining person is someone who was directly exposed to someone who is now showing symptoms or has been confirmed to have COVID-19. Individuals who have not been directly exposed to someone showing symptoms or confirmed to have COVID-19 are generally not recommended to quarantine. If you have any questions about whether or not you should be in quarantine, please contact the Health Center. Each individual's situation will be considered independently. We encourage all students to self-monitor for symptoms.

### **Is someone in quarantine allowed outside of their room for any reason?**

A student that is in quarantine is restricted from leaving their room except for very specific reasons, such as getting food to go from the Dining Commons, visiting the grocery store, or going to the doctor's office. They are to go directly to such locations and back, and are not to visit other locations on campus. They are also not to visit with other students, staff or faculty in person, nor should others visit them in person.

### **Should I go home if I feel sick? Why are some people quarantining at home?**

The CDC recommends not traveling if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive. Some students who have felt sick or been identified as possible contacts were at home when notified. They chose to isolate or quarantine where they were and follow CDC guidelines, in order to protect others. In general, traveling is a risk factor to contracting COVID-19, and the CDC recommends limiting unnecessary travel.

### **What if an employee or faculty member tests positive?**

Faculty and staff are following the same isolation and quarantine procedures, should they start to show any symptoms, test positive, or be exposed to someone who has been sick.

### **Will on-campus events be cancelled?**

Campus events are already planned in ways that will follow physical distancing and limit the likelihood of spread. However, in some instances, it may be necessary to delay an event so that contact tracing can be completed to identify any individuals who may need to be quarantined.

### **Do commuters and resident students have similar risks?**

Commuters and resident students live with and are exposed to familial units, as well as those that they work or interact with. It is important for all students, wherever they are living, to follow the guidelines related to physically distancing, wearing masks, and washing their hands frequently, both on- and off-campus.

### **Are seated classes safe?**

UVF is following CDC and PA guidelines for institutions of higher education. Classrooms have been modified to promote physical distancing, and all students and professors are required to wear masks at all times. These measures reduce risk and in many cases are lower risk than other activities.

**Should I be worried about having to move home before the semester ends?**

We believe that the measures that we have taken and are continuing to take will allow us to remain on campus throughout the semester. We are being aggressive in mitigating risk and have a large number of quarantine rooms available if needed. Experiencing some COVID-19 cases is to be expected and does not indicate that the University would need to complete the semester through online learning. However, we each have a responsibility to protect each other and lower risk by following all guidelines, including wearing a mask at all times, remaining physically distant, and washing our hands frequently.

**How frequently will we be updated on the COVID-19 situation on-campus?**

UVF will provide regular COVID-19 updates through community emails. At this point, we are not planning on a scheduled frequency, but will update as needed. The FAQs page will also be updated as needed.