



Guidelines for Notification and Temporary Change of Modality for Hybrid or F2F Courses with Known or Suspected COVID-19 Cases

The School of Music will follow these guidelines in their response to known or suspected positive COVID-19 cases within classes, ensembles, or any other activities where more than one student is gathering in the same place.

For the purposes of this document a student might be considered “exposed” in any setting where a student has attended with a positive or suspected COVID-19 case, however different recommendations and notification guidelines are set forth depending on the known proximity to the positive case.

The term “movement” refers to classes that involve elements of staging or any activity in which participating students are not stationary for the duration of the class.

The term “musicing” refers to any and all classes or ensembles that utilize singing or *any* musical instrument including winds, brass, percussion, strings, piano, etc.

The terms “isolation” and “quarantine” are confusing.

- Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.
- Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

In most instances these scenarios assume that classes are adhering to all mitigation, distancing, and time-constraint protocols in the current School of Music COVID-19 policies.

- I. Known or suspected positive case in an indoor or outdoor class or ensemble with unknown, limited, or no mitigation and distancing measures followed2
- II. Known or suspected positive case in an indoor or outdoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures followed. *No musicing, or movement.*2
- III. Known or suspected positive case in an outdoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures. *Class or ensemble included musicing.*.....3
- IV. Known or suspected positive case in an indoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures followed. *Class or ensemble included musicing.*3
- V. Known or suspected positive case in an outdoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures followed. *Class or ensemble included movement.*3

VI. Known or suspected positive case in an indoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures followed. *Class or ensemble included movement.*3

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I. **Known or suspected positive case in an indoor or outdoor class or ensemble with unknown, limited, or no mitigation and distancing measures followed.** Class is notified. Class will move online for two full weeks from the last meeting date or date of known exposure, whichever is most recent. The classroom may be closed for a period of time for cleaning. **THE INSTRUCTOR WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN RIGOROUS ADHERENCE TO THE UNIVERSITY GUIDELINES ON MASKING, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND BREAKS FOR AIR CIRCULATION WHEN THE CLASS RECONVENES.** All students will self-isolate, regardless of proximity to the positive case, with the following criteria:

Asymptomatic:

Recommend testing at 5-7 days from last known exposure

Positive test: Isolate for 10 days from positive test

Negative test: May return after 10 days providing the negative result is received within 48 hours of the anticipated return.

Symptomatic:

Recommend testing at 5-7 days from last known exposure or once symptoms develop, whichever is earlier

Positive test: Isolate until symptom free for 72 hours without use of medications **and** at least 10 days from symptom onset

Negative test: Quarantine until symptom free for 72 hours without medications **and** 14 days from last known exposure.

All of the following scenarios assume that classes are adhering to all mitigation, distancing, and time-constraint protocols in the current SOM COVID-19 policies:

II. **Known or suspected positive case in an indoor or outdoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures followed. *No musicing, or movement.*** Class is notified. Based on seating chart, students in close proximity to positive case are given the option to self-isolate for ten-days or until receive a negative test result, so long as the test is administered at least five days after the exposure. This self-isolation is not required. Class may move online for a period at the discretion of the instructor. The classroom may be closed for a period of time for cleaning.

- III. **Known or suspected positive case in an outdoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures. *Class or ensemble included musicing.*** Class is notified. Based on seating chart, students in close proximity to positive case are given the option to self-isolate for ten days or until they receive a negative test result, so long as the test is administered at least five days after the exposure. This self-isolation is not required. Class may move online for up to a two-week period at the discretion of the instructor.
- IV. **Known or suspected positive case in an indoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures followed. *Class or ensemble included musicing.*** Class is notified. Based on seating chart, students in close proximity to positive case are asked to self-isolate with the following criteria:
- Asymptomatic:**
 Recommend testing at 5-7 days from last known exposure
Positive test: Isolate for 10 days from positive test
Negative test: May return after 10 days providing the negative result is received within 48 hours of the anticipated return.
- Symptomatic:**
 Recommend testing at 5-7 days from last known exposure or once symptoms develop, whichever is earlier
Positive test: Isolate until symptom free for 72 hours without use of medications **and** at least 10 days from symptom onset
Negative test: Quarantine until symptom free for 72 hours without medications **and** 14 days from last known exposure.
- The class will move online for one-full week since the last meeting date or the known exposure date, whichever is most recent. After one full-week online, the class may begin normal activities at the discretion of the instructor. The instructor may extend this time period for up to two total weeks, if desired.
- V. **Known or suspected positive case in an outdoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures followed. *Class or ensemble included movement.*** Class is notified. Based on seating chart, students in close proximity to positive case are given the option to self-isolate for ten days or until they receive a negative test result, so long as the test is administered at least five days after the exposure. This self-isolation is not required. Class may move online for a period at the discretion of the instructor.
- VI. **Known or suspected positive case in an indoor class or ensemble with all mitigation and distancing measures followed. *Class or ensemble included movement.*** Class is notified. Based on seating chart, students in close proximity to positive case are asked to self-isolate with the following criteria:

Asymptomatic:

Recommend testing at 5-7 days from last known exposure

Positive test: Isolate for 10 days from positive test

Negative test: May return after 10 days providing the negative result is received within 48 hours of the anticipated return.

Symptomatic:

Recommend testing at 5-7 days from last known exposure or once symptoms develop, whichever is earlier

Positive test: Isolate until symptom free for 72 hours without use of medications **and** at least 10 days from symptom onset

Negative test: Quarantine until symptom free for 72 hours without medications **and** 14 days from last known exposure.

The class will move online for one-full week since the last meeting date or the known exposure date, whichever is most recent. After one full week online, the class may begin normal activities. The instructor may elect to have the class remain online for one additional week.

VII. Sample Email to Students

As you notify students of the possible changes to your class, please include the following language, **and do not disclose the name of the infected student:**

Thank you everyone for your safe practices and social distancing in class. We have recently learned about a positive COVID-19 related case within our [class/ensemble/studio] and to further protect and care for each other, our [class/ensemble/studio] will move to meeting [online/outdoors] for the next [X #] of classes. In the meantime, please remember to self-report any possible symptoms at the [TTU COVID-19 Management system](#). Here you may use the quick assessment web app, report a full self-screening, or report a positive result. For additional information, medical guidance, or to arrange a COVID-19 test, please contact the following:

- COVID-19 Related Questions: [\(806\) 742-5929](#)
- Student Health Services (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.): [\(806\) 743-2848](#)
- TTUHSC Nurse-on-Demand (After Hours/Weekends): [\(806\) 743-2911](#)