Symptomatic/COVID-19 Positive/Exposure Decision Tree

**COVID-19 Symptomatic**
Stay Home (isolate) and Test. (if home antigen test is negative and symptoms persist, follow up with PCR lab test)

- **Negative**
  May return to campus if no fever for 24 hours and symptoms improved.

- **Positive**
  Isolation minimum of 5 days from presentation of symptoms
  Negative COVID test NOT required to return
  More details from the CDC

**Exposure to Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Individual**
(Regardless of Vaccination Status)
Was the exposure time indoors, closer than 6ft, and greater than 15 minutes cumulatively?**

- **More details from the CDC**

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**Reporting Procedures for Employees**

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms:
- Stay home (isolate) and test. Follow COVID-19 Symptomatic guidance (stay home and do not come to campus)

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 (home antigen or PCR lab test):
- Report at the following URL:
  https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/covid-positive-result.php

If you think you have been exposed to someone who tested positive:
- Follow self-assessment guidance for exposure

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**Release From COVID-19 Isolation**

Individuals can leave isolation after 5 full days if:
- Symptoms are improving
- No fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. *A follow up negative COVID test is NOT required for release*

  Mask wearing is recommended indoors through day 10 from when symptoms began or testing positive

**If symptoms continue to feel moderate to severe (shortness of breath or difficulty breathing), continue to isolate for up to 10 days. You should always consult your healthcare provider if these moderate to severe symptoms are present.

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**Notification**

Recommend notifying individuals who are close contact exposure** within infectious window period includes 2 days prior to testing positive OR presenting with symptoms (whichever came first)

**Close Contact Exposure**

Being within six feet of a COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or greater in any 24-hour period within or overlapping with the “high-risk exposure period” regardless of the use of face coverings.

**COVID-19 Written Program Prevention Plan**

https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/recovery.php#cases