

FAQs regarding COVID and Clinical Learning for Meds 2025 and 2026

As the COVID-19 pandemic remains a concern, we wanted to provide you with key information as well as update commonly asked questions from students. While the guidelines from public health and our health care partners may and will change, these are the current recommendations. As always, you should consult with Public Health if you have any questions or reach out to Learner Experience.

Prior to entering a campus building, individuals should review the screening questions.

At both UWindsor and Western, masks are required in all indoor spaces **where physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained**. This includes classrooms, laboratories, meeting rooms, conference rooms, vehicles, lounges, and shared spaces.

Commonly asked questions.

If you suspect you have COVID 19.

If you have symptoms consistent with a presentation of COVID 19 or fail the COVID screen for the University or health facility, please **STAY HOME, self-isolate and follow the guidelines from Public Health Ontario.**

You will need to:

- Notify the facilitator if you are missing a small group, in-person or mandatory sessions.
- Log the absence in the Schulich Hub (<https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca>) even if you have no mandatory or in-person sessions.
- Arrange to get a COVID test as soon as possible as you may not be able to return to school without a negative test result. The turn around time for test results at the community assessment centres is normally 24 hours.

Windsor students must also report their illness to covid19reporting@uwindsor.ca.

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19

If your status after screening is positive – you **MUST STAY HOME, self-isolate and follow guidelines from Public Health Ontario.**

You will need to:

- Notify the facilitator, if you are missing a small group, in-person or mandatory session.
- Log the absence in the Schulich Hub (<https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca>) even if you have no mandatory or in-person sessions.

- Remain off school in accordance with Public Health Guidelines. Currently, if you are fully immunized **your five day isolation period** begins **after** you first noticed symptoms or 5 days after you first received a positive test. Your symptoms will also need to be improved. If you remain febrile, sore throat, myalgia – remain at home.

I learned that a patient for whom I had provided care has tested COVID positive. What do I need to do?

During your clinical rotations you should always have the appropriate PPE on when interacting with patients. This means if a patient is later diagnosed as being COVID positive you will be notified but **no action** is required. As long as you were wearing your PPE and donning and doffing appropriately, you can continue in clinical learning. You will need to self monitor according to public health guidelines and seek care if your screening tool changes to positive.

If you have concerns about the PPE used or a break in your technique, you will need to stay home and get tested.

I learned that a clinician or health professional with whom I worked closely with has tested COVID 19 positive. What do I need to do?

During your clinical rotations you should always have the appropriate PPE on when interacting with patients, clinicians, other health professionals, residents and colleagues. This scenario of contact with a masked faculty or colleague who was COVID compliant in technique requires no action besides self screening daily.

If a team or health care worker is later diagnosed as being COVID-19 positive, you will be notified. If you were wearing the appropriate PPE and followed technique, **no action** is required (besides self monitoring) and you can continue to work in clinical learning,

If you have concerns about the PPE used or technique followed, you will need to stay home and get tested.

What do I do if I have had “Close Contact” with someone who is COVID positive or I believe may have COVID?

What is a “Close Contact”?

A close contact is an individual with whom you have had a high-risk exposure. This can include individuals living together in the same household while not self-isolating; direct contact with infectious body fluids (cough, sneezed on); close (<2m) or prolonged, unprotected contact.

London: Western is relying on the Ontario Public Health screener – please complete if you have questions. [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) self-assessment \(ontario.ca\)](#)

Windsor: The [Guidance for COVID-19 Positive, Presumed Positive or Close Contacts](#) page on the Return to Campus website provides information about whether you should attend campus if a close contact of a COVID-19 positive or presumed positive individual.

As long as you are asymptomatic, you can continue with learning. You must continue to monitor closely and regularly for COVID symptoms.

If your housemate develops symptoms you can continue in clinical learning but if you develop symptoms you must stay home and report this as an absence (even if you do not have mandatory or in-person sessions) via The Hub (<https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca>). You will need to be tested for COVID.

Where can I get a COVID test as a medical student?

In London

You may attend one of the community testing centres. Information on the locations and hours of the centres (including Western's testing centre) can be found here: <https://www.healthunit.com/covid-19-concerns>

In Windsor

Windsor campus students in need of a COVID-19 test can find information on the local testing centres here: <https://www.wechu.org/cv/getting-tested-and-checking-results>

If you have any questions, please reach out to learner.experience@schulich.uwo.ca or learnerexperience@uwindsor.ca

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