

FAQs regarding COVID and Clinical Learning for Meds 2025 and 2026 (Updated May 23, 2023)

As COVID-19 remains a concern, we want 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 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. Ontario Public Health screener - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) self-assessment \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-19-self-assessment)

Although masks are no longer required in indoor spaces, they are strongly recommended when physical distancing of 2 m cannot be maintained.

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.
- Stay home until you have no fever, and your symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you have gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhea).
- After isolating, wear a [well-fitted, high quality mask](#) when out in public for 10 days from when your symptoms started.
- Avoid non-essential visits to vulnerable individuals (e.g., seniors) and highest risk settings (e.g., hospitals, long-term care) for 10 days from when your symptoms started.

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.

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- Log the absence in the Schulich Hub (<https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca>) even if you have no mandatory or in-person sessions.
- Stay home until you have no fever, and your symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you have gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhea). If you remain febrile, sore throat, myalgia – remain at home/

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- Avoid non-essential visits to vulnerable individuals (e.g., seniors) and highest risk settings (e.g., hospitals, long-term care) for 10 days from when your symptoms started.

I learned that a patient for whom I had provided care or personal close contact 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. 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 a team member or contact is later diagnosed as being COVID-19 positive, as long as you are asymptomatic, you can continue with learning. Masks will be required in all areas of the building until the end of Day 10 from exposure. A 2-metre distance should be maintained if the mask is removed for eating or drinking in this 10-day period. You will need to self-monitor according to public health guidelines and seek care if your screening tool changes to positive.

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

In London

You may attend Thames Hall, Room 3189 Monday to Friday – 9 am – 1 pm. Information on community testing 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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