FAQs re COVID for Meds 2023 and 2024

Over the past weeks the Learner Experience Office (LEO) has received many questions from students about COVID-19. While the guidelines may change, these are the current recommendations. As always, you should consult with Public Health if you have any questions. You can also reach out to Learner Experience.

Commonly asked questions.

What does the Ontario government lockdown announced December 21st mean for me?

If you travelled outside of the province and returned during the Provincewide Shutdown Period, which starts 12:01 December 26, 2020, you will need to **self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival to the province.** [Provincewide Shutdown (ontario.ca)]

If you suspect you have COVID.

If you have symptoms of COVID please STAY HOME. You need to register your absence via The Hub ([https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca](https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca)). You should arrange to get a COVID test as soon as possible as you will not be able to return to school without a negative test result. The turnaround time for test results is normally 24 hours.

If you are diagnosed with COVID

Once again STAY HOME. If you are positive, you will need to report this as an absence (even if you do not have mandatory or in-person sessions) via The Hub ([https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca](https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca)). LEW is here to provide the supports you may need.

You have had close contact with someone who is COVID positive?

At this time Public Health recommends asymptomatic contacts of a confirmed case should quarantine for 14 days and get COVID-19 testing as soon as possible after identification of the case. If you have had contact with someone who is COVID positive please report this as an absence (even if you do not have mandatory or in-person sessions) via The Hub ([https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca](https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca)).

My housemate has been diagnosed with COVID. What do I need to do?

You will need to self-isolate at home and arrange for COVID testing. Your housemate will need to stay in a separate room away from other people and use a separate bathroom if possible. Report this as an absence (even if you do not have mandatory or in-person sessions) via The Hub ([https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca](https://hub.schulich.uwo.ca)).

My housemate has symptoms of COVID and is awaiting test results. What do I need to do?


If a household member has symptoms of COVID-19 but has not yet tested.

- All other household members should quarantine (i.e. not attend work, school, childcare, etc).
• If it is decided that the symptomatic individual will not get tested for COVID-19, all household members are to remain in quarantine for 14 days.

If a household member has symptoms of COVID-19 and has been tested:
• All household members are to quarantine (i.e. not attend work, school, childcare, etc) until test results are known.
• If test results are negative, non-symptomatic household members may return to their normal activities and monitor themselves for symptoms. The symptomatic individual must remain in self isolation until 24 hours after their symptoms have improved.
• If test results are positive, all household members will be contacted by Health Unit staff with further direction.

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, you must remain at 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.

What if my housemate/partner works in an outbreak site or ward?
Your housemate/partner will need to follow the guidelines as outlined by Public Health and IPAC at their hospital and you should monitor daily for symptoms of COVID. You can continue to participate in clinical learning unless your housemate/partner is symptomatic and/or tests positive. If this occurs, you must quarantine as part of the new Home Quarantine Guidelines released by MLHU on December 7, 2020.

My housemate received notification from the COVID Alert app that they were in contact with someone who has tested COVID positive or Public Heath has notified my housemate that they were identified as a contact of someone with COVID. What do I need to do?
Your housemate will need to be tested for COVID-19. As long as you are asymptomatic, you can come to school. Continue to monitor for COVID symptoms.

If your housemate develops symptoms you can continue to come to school but if you develop symptoms you must stay home, 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.

I received notification from the COVID Alert app that I was in contact with someone who has tested positive. What do I need to do?
As per Public Health Ontario, https://covid-19.ontario.ca/exposed if you are notified by the COVID Alert app, or think you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 get tested. Stay home and self-isolate until you get your result. If your test is positive you will need to continue to self-isolate 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). If your test is negative you can return to class but continue to monitor.

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 you were wearing your PPE appropriately you can
continue to work. If you have concerns about the PPE you will need to stay home and get tested.

If you have any questions, please reach out to

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