

University Policies and Support for Students Needing to Self-Isolate

GETTING TESTED FOR COVID-19

If you need to be tested for COVID-19 because you are feeling sick or have been in close contact with someone who has been exposed, the [Student Health Center](#) provides diagnostic testing for students. If you get tested for COVID-19, you should begin self-isolating and follow university policies explained below.

SELF-ISOLATION POLICY

If you begin to feel sick or you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, the first step is to begin self-isolating immediately and fill out the university's [self-isolation form](#). The contact tracing team will follow up with you—generally within 24 hours, but the response time can vary depending on caseloads. You can read more about the university's self-isolation policy and procedures [here](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS OR HEALTH CONCERNS

If you have a health concern, you can call the [Student Health Center](#) nurse triage line at 865-974-5080. The university has a nurse available to speak to students by phone 24 hours a day. After-hours care has been arranged [for eligible students through the UT Medical Center](#) emergency room at 865-305-9000.

If you are having an emergency, you should call 911.

If you have any questions about the university's COVID-19 policies and procedures, you can call 865-656-SAFE (7233), Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Classroom Policies for Students Who Are Ill or Self-Isolating

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE POLICY

For Face-to-Face Courses:

If you are self-isolating or quarantining, do not come to class until you have been cleared to do so by your health care provider, the contact tracing team, or the Knox County Health Department. **Your absences will be excused and accommodated only if you have followed the university's policy on self-isolation.** To verify that you are following university policy, you will need to email me a copy of the confirmation email you receive after submitting your self-isolation form. You do not need to provide any personal medical information.

For online synchronous courses:

If you are feeling well enough, you should continue to attend class. If you are too ill to attend class, **your absences will be excused and accommodated only if you have followed the university's policy on self-isolation.** To verify that you are following university policy, you will need to email me a copy of the confirmation email you receive after submitting your self-isolation form. You do not need to provide any personal medical information. You should begin attending class again as soon as you are feeling well enough to do so.

MAKE UP/LATE WORK

For Face-to-Face Courses:

If you are feeling well enough, you should keep up with the course readings and assignment due dates. I will post recordings of our class meetings after they have ended here [include link] on Canvas so that you can keep up with the course information. *[If you are unable to record your class sessions, provide guidance for students on how they should obtain in-class information such as getting notes from a classmate or reviewing Powerpoints that you post online]*

If you are too ill to complete daily tasks, we will discuss accommodations individually. **It is your responsibility to reach out to me before returning to class to set up a time to discuss these accommodations.**

For Online Courses:

Synchronous Courses: If you are feeling well enough, you should continue to attend class and turn in assignments on time.

If you are too ill to complete daily tasks, we will discuss accommodations individually. You should begin attending class again as soon as you are feeling well enough to do so. **It is your responsibility to reach out to me once you return to class to set up a time to discuss any needed accommodations.**

Asynchronous Courses: If you are feeling well enough, you should continue to keep up with the course material and complete assignments on time.

If you are too ill to complete daily tasks, **we can discuss accommodations only if you have followed the university's policy on self-isolation.** To verify that you are following university policy, you will need to email me a copy of the confirmation email you receive after submitting your self-isolation form. You do not need to provide any personal medical information. we will discuss accommodations individually. **It is your responsibility to reach out to me to discuss these accommodations once you are well enough to begin completing your work.**