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Subject: Reminders about contact tracing, teaching modality and accommodations

Colleagues,

Over the last few weeks, multiple questions and concerns around contact tracing, teaching modality and accommodations have been raised. The Business Operations COVID Support Team, Campus Health Services and Contact Tracing Team have been doing their best to provide timely clarifications and the COVID-19 website is updated several times per day. In addition, I would like to address some of the common concerns.

Contact tracing

Campus Health's Contact Tracing Team traces, notifies, and advises any individuals who may have been exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19. This team is notified about positive cases in our campus community through both the **Louisville Metro Health Department** and self-reporting. One of the university's [health and safety protocols](#) is to contact Campus Health right away when someone tests positive for COVID-19. This helps expedite the contact tracing process as the health department usually takes several days to inform Campus Health of a positive case. If someone discloses a positive test to you, do not announce that private health information to the rest of your class or team. Remind that person to contact Campus Health right away. For more information, review this [Exposure Flow Chart](#) and read the [Testing and Tracing FAQs](#).

Course modality vs. Accommodations

Courses that were scheduled as face-to-face for the fall semester may not change modality this semester. While faculty must provide students with options for making up missed classes when they are absent due to having COVID-19 symptoms, quarantining, or isolating, faculty are not required to provide a remote accommodation but may choose to do so. Faculty should consult the [Attendance Expectations](#) section on the Faculty tab of the COVID-19 website for multiple examples of appropriate accommodations that do not penalize students for following university protocols. Additionally, for faculty members to ensure continuity of instruction when they too are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, quarantining, or isolating, they may deliver instruction remotely. Once the quarantine or isolation period is fulfilled, faculty should resume in-person instruction and students should return to attending classes in person.

I hope you are able to rest and rejuvenate over the holiday weekend. If you have further questions about the topics above, please contact your dean, department chair or supervisor. The Business Operations COVID Support Team is also available to help you find the answers you need.

Take Care,

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