



COVID-19 Plan for Managing Reduced Quarantine Periods

The University has adopted this protocol to comply with applicable state and local public health orders and to be consistent with applicable federal and state guidance. The Provost's Office may issue updated protocols, which become effective upon adoption, to respond to changes in state and local public health orders, to be consistent with new federal and state guidance, and/or to adapt to changing conditions on campus. Please watch for updates to these protocols and regularly check the [DU COVID-19 website](#) for news and other important information.

University of Denver COVID-19 Plan for Managing Reduced Quarantine Periods for the DU Community, Including for Students in Congregate Living

Following the CDC's spring changes to its [quarantine guidance](#), and [CDPHE's implementation of those changes](#), the University of Denver (DU) implements the following procedures to facilitate and document compliance with such guidance.

1. At this time, quarantine applies to unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated close contacts of individuals who test positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 regardless of symptoms, as well as to vaccinated close contacts who are experiencing any symptoms. A close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet of the individual who tested positive for at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period.
2. The calculation of the quarantine period begins after the last exposure of a close contact to someone confirmed positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 where the exposure occurred within 48 hours prior to the sample collection for the positive test and/or 48 hours prior to the onset of the confirmed positive individual's symptoms, whichever is longer.
3. If DU does not inform the DU community member of the need to quarantine (e.g., because the exposure notification happened outside of the DU community), the individual must report the start date of quarantine to reportCOVID@du.edu or via phone or text to 303-871-COVID (2683).
4. The default quarantine period lasts 14 days (released on day 15) from the last exposure as a close contact.
5. The individual in quarantine must log their symptoms daily for 14 days in the Quarantine Log (top left after logging into PioneerWeb). If the individual becomes symptomatic at any point during quarantine, they must undergo SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing.
6. If an individual in quarantine remains asymptomatic during the entire quarantine period, as documented by the individual's daily use of DU's electronic symptom monitoring software, the individual may be eligible for reduced quarantine lasting 10 days (released on day 11).
 - a. Failure to complete all DU quarantine requirements, including but not limited to the following, will result in removal of campus access until 14 days have elapsed from the last exposure as a close contact:
 - i. Daily symptom monitoring for the entire quarantine period;
 - ii. Obtaining a negative result from a DU saliva PCR test at the start of quarantine and before release from quarantine;

- iii. Following all CDC quarantine guidance, including residing in a space with a separate bathroom and bedroom and with meal preparation or meal delivery with no contact with others.
7. Due to the greater risk of transmission of the virus among individuals living in congregate housing, reduced quarantine options **do not** automatically apply to students living in congregate housing and may be applied to such students only if all of the following conditions are met.
 - a. To be eligible for reduced quarantine as set forth above, students living in congregate housing (DU-owned or operated residence halls and apartments; fraternity or sorority houses, whether or not DU-owned or operated) must complete their entire quarantine in DU-operated quarantine space and must follow all DU quarantine requirements (including but not limited to daily symptom monitoring and testing) for the duration of their quarantine period.
8. Individuals who have documentation of a positive RT-PCR test in their MyHealth account within the previous 90 days are not required to quarantine following exposure or travel. These individuals still must monitor their symptoms daily for 14 days. If they remain asymptomatic post exposure or travel, they are not required to quarantine.
9. Individuals who have a Verified Record of Full Vaccination (as defined in the [COVID-19 Mandatory Testing Protocol](#)) must still log their symptoms daily for 14 days in the Quarantine Log (top left after logging into PioneerWeb) and test as assigned by their contract tracer (typically day 1, 4 and 9 following exposure). However, if they remain asymptomatic post exposure or travel and have negative test results, they are not required to quarantine.