

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

ACADEMICS

- 1. What are the expectations for classroom attendance for students who are isolated due to a positive diagnosis of COVID-19? What guidelines should faculty use for accommodations and leniency?**
 - a. Faculty should adopt attendance policies that encourage students to stay home when they are sick or if they have to isolate.
 - b. Faculty should plan to provide students with opportunities to make up or complete alternate assignments when student health circumstances require them to avoid face-to-face classes.
 - c. Faculty may not ask students if they are vaccinated.

FACE COVERINGS

- 2. Are face-coverings required to be worn on campus?**
 - a. No. However, faculty, staff, students and campus visitors are encouraged to follow [CDC](#) guidance regarding masking.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 3. Is there an option for employees to continue to work remotely?**
 - a. In some cases. To learn more, visit [ETSU Human Resources](#).

HEALTH-RELATED QUESTIONS

- 4. What is COVID-19 and what are the symptoms?**
 - a. COVID-19 refers to the illness caused by SARS-CoV2, which is a type of coronavirus. The virus was discovered in the fall of 2019.
 - b. You can learn more about the symptoms [here](#).
- 5. What are the testing requirements? Options?**
 - a. COVID-19 tests are now readily available through local health departments, healthcare providers, and pharmacies..
 - b. If faculty, staff, or students have health questions, they may call the University Health Center at 423-439-4225 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or after-hours at 1-888-915-7299.

6. Are faculty, staff, and students required to get a COVID-19 Vaccine?

- a. No. However, ETSU strongly encourages everyone who can to [get vaccinated against COVID-19](#) by getting their primary vaccine series and staying up to date with a booster dose. Vaccines are available at the Washington County Health Department and at other area locations. More information can be found [here](#).

7. As a member of the ETSU community, what should I do if I get sick?

- a. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, you should contact the [University Health Center](#) or your physician to arrange testing.
- b. Stay home or in your campus residence hall room or apartment and follow the guidelines in your housing contract.
- c. If you are a student, contact your instructors to let them know you are ill and will be missing class.
- d. If you a faculty or staff member, contact your department chair, dean, or supervisor and discuss modifications that may need to be made to your work patterns. You may request to use sick leave or annual leave for your initial absence, or may be eligible for Emergency Paid Sick Leave while awaiting a diagnosis. Contact [Human Resources](#) for more information.

8. Should confirmed cases of COVID-19 be reported to the Office of Environmental Health and Safety?

- a. No. However, you are encouraged to contact the [University Health Center](#) or your physician if you have questions.

9. If I was sick, when can I go back to work or class?

- a. You are encouraged to follow guidance from your physician.
- b. You may also learn more by visiting the [CDC Isolation Website](#).