FAQ Guidance for Faculty for Positive Cases in the Classroom

How do I get vaccinated?
✓ Student Health is providing vaccinations for students, staff and faculty. Contact Student Health for more information at 308-865-8218 or unkhealth@unk.edu

What do I do if a student emails me and says they have COVID-19 symptoms?
✓ Instruct the student to contact the Public Health Center at 308-865-8279 or unkhealth@unk.edu. The PHC will advise students on testing options.
✓ Advise the student not to return to class until given instructions by the PHC.
✓ Encourage the student to communicate with you on their absences.

What do I do if a student informs me that they have tested positive for COVID-19?
✓ Instruct the student to contact the Public Health Center immediately
✓ Inform the student that they will not be able to return to class without a clearance form from the Public Health Center. The clearance form must be in the possession of the faculty/staff prior to returning.
✓ Faculty should contact the Public Health Center to discuss implications for the class.
✓ Ensure the privacy of the student who tested positive. Classmates are not privy to this person’s medical information.

What can I expect from a student returning from isolation after testing positive for COVID-19?
✓ A medical clearance form from the Public Health Center will be sent to the student. You may ask the student to provide you a copy of this form.

What if I have a student who informs me that they must be in quarantine due to exposure?
✓ Instruct the student to contact the Public Health Center. The PHC will track the quarantine days and give a date of return.
✓ The student must have a medical clearance from the Public Health Center to return to class.
✓ Work with students who must be absent due to COVID and develop a plan for keeping them engaged in the course, as you deem appropriate.

Should I send communication that a student in class tested positive?
✓ Communication is appropriate. This should not identify a person by name, but tell the class that the Public Health Center will be contacting anyone identified as a close contact and offer guidance on symptom monitoring.

What should I do if I develop symptoms?
✓ Contact the Public Health Center immediately for guidance on next steps.

Can I get tested at the Student Health Center on campus, and is there a charge?
✓ Yes. Student Health provides COVID-19 testing.
✓ There is no charge except under certain circumstances. Student Health can review your options for testing.

What do I do if I test positive for COVID-19? How should I tell my class?
✓ There is no expectation you disclose personal health information to your class. If you test positive, contact the Public Health Center.
✓ Students will only need to know how to proceed in your absence.
✓ You must be cleared by the Public Health Center before returning to campus.
What has changed since last year as it relates to quarantine and isolation?

- If a student has been exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19, was not wearing a mask and is not vaccinated, the student will be required to quarantine.
- Students who are vaccinated and can show proof of vaccination to the Public Health Center will not be required to quarantine. Students will be expected to self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days following exposure.
- Students, staff or faculty who test positive for COVID-19 should continue to contact the PHC and will be required to isolate for 7-10 days, depending on individual circumstances.
- Masks cannot be required in class. However, faculty may require a student to wear a mask in close quarters, such as a personal office.