

What to Do Scenarios in Case of a Positive COVID-19 Case in the Faculty of Dentistry

If you have any Covid-like symptoms

You must stay home and contact 811 for guidance.

If you have tested positive

The Health Authorities (HA) will contact you and provide recommendations. They will also discuss with you the kind of contact you have had with others. By describing in detail, the nature of your contacts while in the Faculty (i.e. complete PPE while in clinic, non-medical mask in the changing room, eating with social distancing), the medical health officer (MHO) will determine the risk level. Also, the MHO will determine which of your contacts to be notified and the preventive measures to be put in place for them (i.e. self-monitoring for 14 days, self-isolation, testing). You and/or the HA will be informing your contacts.

Your confidentiality is to be kept. No information is to be shared beyond those that you have had close contacts with, unless you choose to do it yourself. You will need to inform the appropriate parties (Student Service, supervisor, module coordinator, program director, Head) of your absence due to illness but not your diagnosis.

The HA will monitor your progress until the time that you can return to the Faculty.

If you have had contact with a COVID-19 positive person

You will receive information directly from the person you had the contact with and/or from the Health Authorities (HA). The recommendation will vary depending on the nature of your contact. If you require confirmation or additional information, you can contact 811. If you start experiencing symptoms, you must remain at home and will be instructed by the HA to be tested and remain isolated until the result is available. The HA may monitor your progress.

What happens if there is a positive case in the Faculty

The Health Authorities (HA) will inform the UBC Health and Safety officials and the Faculty's leadership of the exposure (not including any personal information) and the necessary measures to be taken. Any additional recommendation will come from the HA such as to proceed with operations as usual, to decrease or to stop in-person activities based on the assessed risk.

We all need to keep in mind that the opportunity to continue with patient care and simulation is a privilege. We need to maintain the Faculty's health and safety guidelines including proper use of PPE. Failure to maintain the health and safety guidelines and complacency with PPE, even in simulation settings, could result in a loss of our patient care and simulation privileges. The Faculty's Safety Guidelines can be found at https://secure.dentistry.ubc.ca/intranet/covid19/default.asp?nav_p=695

Helpful resources

These have been very challenging times. Many resources are available through this link. [COVID-19 Safety Training & Rules | Safety & Risk Services \(ubc.ca\)](#)

The safety and well-being of our Teamsmile members is our highest priority.