



COVID-19 Response Plan for Research Students

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Summary – Overall principles



CONDITION



STUDENT ACTION



CLOSE CONTACTS OF THE STUDENT

You have symptoms

- ✓ Seek medical advice
- ✓ Self Isolate

- ✓ The people you live with should restrict movements for 14 days.
- ✓ Remind others to take precautions

You are advised to take a test because of symptoms

- ✓ Self Isolate

- ✓ The people you live with should restrict movements for 14 days.
- ✓ Remind others to take precautions

You have confirmed Positive test result

- ✓ Self Isolate

- ✓ Your likely close contacts should restrict movement for 14 days unless advised otherwise by the HSE or CRT

You are identified by HSE as a close contact and advised to take test

- ✓ Restrict movement

- ✓ Reminded to take precautions.

You are advised to restrict movement but not advised to take test

- ✓ Restrict movement

- ✓ Reminded to take precautions.

You have “Not detected” test result

- ✓ Continue to restrict movement as advised by HSE

- ✓ No further action

> Symptomatic Research Student – On Campus

Event		Immediate student Action	Student Follow on Action
1.1	Student develops Covid-19 symptoms (on campus)	Call MU Covid-19 Response Team on (01 474 7999 / covid.response@mu.ie) Notify your supervisor	Follow the instructions given to you by the MU Covid-19 Response Team.
1.2	Attend designated isolation area with MU Covid-19 Response Team	Provide personal contact log. If directed go home, do so and contact GP and continue self-isolation at home: OR If it is not possible to leave campus immediately, remain in the isolation area and call GP and follow advice (transport home will be provided).	Keep your supervisor informed of the situation.
1.3	Student takes Covid-19 test.	Self-isolate until advised otherwise by GP/HSE.	Inform Covid-19 Response Team.
1.4	Student tests positive <u>OR</u>	Follow the instructions of the HSE public health team. Provide details of your close contacts to HSE. Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team.	Notify your supervisor. Follow GP/HSE advice and Self isolate until you have had no fever for 5 days and it is at least 10 days since the first symptoms developed.
1.5	Student tests 'not detected'	Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team of 'not detected'. Return to normal activities once you've passed 48 hours without symptoms.	Notify your supervisor. Subject to health advice, return to campus.

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> Symptomatic Research Student – Off Campus

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Event		Immediate student Action	Student Follow on Action
2.1	Student develops Covid-19 symptoms (off campus)	Stay away from campus. Contact GP and follow advice. Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team (01 474 7999 / covid.response@mu.ie).	Inform your Supervisor. Ensure contact log is up to date in case needed.
2.2	Student takes Covid-19 test	Self-isolate until advised otherwise by GP/HSE.	Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team Inform your supervisor.
2.3	Student tests positive	Follow the instructions of the HSE public health team. Provide details of close contacts to HSE. Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team of test outcome.	Inform your supervisor. Follow GP/HSE advice and self isolate until you have had no fever for 5 days and it is at least 10 days since the first symptoms developed.
OR			
2.4	Student tests 'not detected'	Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team of 'not detected'. Return to normal activities once 48 hours without symptoms.	Notify your supervisor. Subject to health advice, return to campus.

> Research Student is Close Contact of Confirmed Case

	Event	Immediate Student Action	Student Follow on Action
3.1	Research student contacted by HSE as close contact	If advised, restrict movements for 14 days. Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team and follow instructions (01 4747999 / covid.response@mu.ie)	Inform your supervisor
3.2	Research Student <u>believes</u> they may be a close contact or is advised by CRT that they may be a close contact of someone who has tested positive	Restrict movements for 14 days from the date of the potential close contact. Inform your supervisor.	If 14 days elapse the period of infectivity has passed and you can return to unrestricted movement. Within the 14 days you may be advised by the HSE or CRT that you are not regarded as a close contact. In that case you can return to unrestricted movement.
3.3	Research student takes CV19 test on basis of being a close contact	Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team if test is positive. If test is positive, and if you have no symptoms, follow HSE advice and self-isolate for 10 days from date of test.	Continue to restrict your movements for 14 days even if test is 'not detected' or indeterminate.
3.4	Follow HSE/GP Advice	If advised, get a 2 nd Covid-19 Test. Inform MU Covid-19 Response Team of test result.	Remain away from campus if test is positive OR Return to campus after restricted movement period ends and in line with GP/HSE advice

> Research Student is Living with Covid-19 Symptomatic Person

Event	Immediate Employee Action	Employee Follow on Action
4.1 Research Student lives with someone who develops symptoms of covid-19	Restrict movements for 14 days	Inform Covid-19 Response Team. (01 4747999/ covid.response@mu.ie) Inform your supervisor
4.2 Research Student advised by GP to restrict movements or self-isolate, but not to take test.	Stay away from campus and work from home.	Inform your supervisor
4.3 Member of student's household is a close contact of a confirmed case but feels well.	No need to restrict movement if household member feels well.	Continue as normal and be aware of Covid-19 symptoms.
4.4	The resolution of this scenario will depend on the details. For example, a parent may be advised to restrict movements while a child is tested. If the child's test is positive, the parent will have to self-isolate for 14 days and be tested. If the child's test is negative, the restricted movement will be lifted, and the person can return to campus immediately. However, where a student is caring for someone who should self-isolate but cannot do so, the employee (and the rest of their household) need to restrict their movements for 17 days. The Covid-19 Response Team will advise the employee on the correct action to take in each scenario.	