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Elizabethtown College has made the following updates to our COVID-19 procedures to remain consistent with evolving health care practices and current CDC guidelines. Thank you for following our procedures to help keep our campus community safe!

- 1) Students who test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate for at least five days, starting from the day their symptoms began, or starting from the day they tested if the student is not having symptoms. The isolation can occur in the student's family home, another off campus location, or in the student's room on campus. All roommates present would need to agree in order for the student who tested positive to isolate in their room on campus.
- 2) Students who choose to isolate on campus will do so in their rooms and follow these guidelines until they are cleared:
  - a. The student who is isolating, and any roommates, will wear masks while awake and stay six feet apart as much as possible. No other guests should be in the room.
  - b. The student who is isolating will wear a mask when going to the Marketplace or Jays Nest to pick up food and promptly take it back to their room to eat.
  - c. The student who is isolating and their roommates will avoid eating at the same time so mask wearing can continue when they are together in the room.
  - d. Be mindful of any shared spaces such as restrooms and kitchens and practicing good sanitizing after each use.
  - e. The student who is isolating will wear a mask when going down the hall to use the shared Residence Life bathroom.
  - f. The student who is isolating will not attend class or campus activities in person.
- 3) Students who test positive are expected to notify Etown College Student Health (717-588-1059, or 717-361-1405). Etown College Student Health is also available to help students with managing symptoms. If students have after-hours concerns, please call Campus Safety at (717) 361-1264.
4. Students who test positive are expected to contact their faculty members to discuss how to stay connected with their academic work and assignments while missing class due to isolation. Students are under no obligation, however, to tell faculty members they tested positive or disclose any medical information to them. In addition, students have the option to request that a generally worded Courtesy Notification be sent informing their faculty members that the student will not be attending classes for the next few days.
5. Students who test positive are responsible for notifying Etown students and employees who meet the definition of a Close Contact. As an alternative to the

student communicating directly with their Close Contacts, the student can stay anonymous by asking Student Health staff to notify their Close Contacts. A Close Contact is someone who you have been within 6 feet of for a combined total of at least 15 minutes (cumulative, not consecutive) over a 24 hour period during the two-day period before you first had symptoms or, if you do not have symptoms, two days before you were tested for COVID-19, through to the time you started isolation. Here are instructions to give Close Contacts who are Etown College students:

You have been identified as a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID. The date of your last contact was (list the date). You do not need to quarantine unless you have symptoms or if you are awaiting test results. It is recommended that you wear a mask for 10 days after the date of your last contact. If you have symptoms or begin to have symptoms, you should be tested for COVID right away. It is also recommended that close contacts without symptoms (asymptomatic) be tested after 5 days from their last date of contact regardless of vaccination status. You can use a rapid antigen test (home COVID test) or PCR test (Medical Provider test) for testing needs. Please call Etown College Student Health (717-588-1059, or 717-361-1405) between the hours of 8:30 am-5pm Monday-Friday if you develop symptoms, need help arranging testing, or have any questions. For after-hours concerns, please call Campus Safety at (717) 361-1264. Thanks for your help keeping our campus community safe!

6. Criteria for the student who tested positive to use to assess when they are cleared to leave isolation:

I have isolated for five days since my symptoms started, or since I tested positive if I am not having any symptoms. My symptoms have significantly improved/eased, **AND** I have not had a fever for 24 hours.

7. What to do if a student is symptomatic?

- a. Stay in your room and do not attend classes or campus activities until you test.
- b. You can use a rapid antigen test (home COVID test) or PCR test (Medical Provider test) for testing needs.
- c. Please call Etown College Student Health (717-588-1059, or 717-361-1405) between the hours of 8:30 am-5pm Monday-Friday if you develop symptoms, need help arranging testing, or have any questions. For after-hours concerns, please call Campus Safety at (717) 361-1264.

