COVID-19 FAQ for Students

Q: I have tested positive for COVID-19 and need to isolate. What about my class attendance and participation?

A: Contact the ASC for medical supervision to support a COVID-19 related absence. A date range from the Douglas County Health Department will be needed to support the isolation timeframe. Consultation with faculty is necessary regarding the need to make-up missed assignments or assessments. Providing medical documentation from your treating provider in support of your absence is not required.

Q: I have COVID-19 and I am not well enough to actively participate in my course. What are my options?

A: ASC can support a student with medical supervision. Medical documentation will be provided to ASC by the student’s treating provider with dates related to the student’s absences as well as updates related to the COVID illness and ability to participate in class. ASC will send out a medical supervision notification to faculty of record with the treating provider’s date range to support the absence.

Q: I have been exposed to COVID-19 and have been required to quarantine. What do I need to show for proof?

A: Students will not be required to provide supporting documentation to justify absences which are a result of an illness or a concern of illness. Faculty are strongly encouraged to work with students in their courses so that students can make up assignments that are missed due to illness or concern about illness. Students should notify their instructors in advance of the absence if possible and should keep up with classwork if they are able to do so. ASC will send out a medical supervision notification to faculty of record with the CDC required date range necessary to support the absence.

Q: What documentation do I need to show to come back to class after my quarantine and/or isolation timeframe has ended?

A: No documentation is required. Medical supervision notification has already informed faculty of the date range.
Q: I have a disability that creates a medical concern related to COVID-19 and I have a class that meets on campus. Can I attend this class remotely based on my concern of being exposed to COVID?

A: This may be an option based on the class structure and essential objectives of the course. Consultation will occur between ASC and the student diagnosed with a disability (after review of medical documentation) to discuss alternative access to the class. The faculty is an important part of this discussion and will need to be consulted to determine the alternative modality which will allow for equal access to the learning outcome.

Q: I have (asthma, diabetes, etc.) that is typically controlled, but based on CDC guidelines related to COVID-19, I fall in a high-risk category if I am exposed to it. I do not want to be on campus because of the risk to exposure. What are my options?

A: ASC can support students with appropriate medical documentation stating the medical diagnosis that creates a risk related to COVID-19. Following this, students will attend an interactive process with ASC to discuss potential options and/or alternative access to the on-campus course.

Q: I am scared of COVID-19 and my anxiety has increased related to being in public spaces. I want to have my classes online. What are my next steps?

A: ASC is available for consultation around anxiety, as well as other increased mental health symptoms related to COVID-19. Medical documentation will need to be reviewed by ASC to determine the mental health provider’s stance related to current symptoms and treatment plan to help facilitate a discussion around options.

Q: I do not have an underlying health condition or disability concern related to COVID-19, but I live with someone who does. Am I allowed to attend my classes online or have remote access?

A: Create a report to the Behavioral Review Team (BRT) indicating a COVID-19 related concern, and someone will be in touch regarding potential options.

Q: I have a disability that creates a barrier to wearing a mask on campus. Can I be exempt from this requirement?
A: Wearing a mask is a guideline UNO is following based on public health and safety guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Consultation between ASC and the student will be necessary to discuss barriers related to wearing a mask. Medical documentation to support this will also be reviewed by ASC in order to discuss options.

Q: I rely on reading lips to understand what people are saying. Masks will create a barrier to my ability to understand when my professor is teaching or when my peers are discussing a topic. What options are available for me?

A: ASC can support students by either working to discuss alternatives with faculty, such as wearing a clear mask or face shield, or can work to create an accommodation plan to access live captioning services. Contacting ASC is the first step to start this process.