

Testing and Notification of Positive Cases

- 1) Will the student health center provide COVID-19 testing for all students, faculty and staff for on-demand tests?

Student Health and Counseling Services will test symptomatic students or students who may have been exposed through close contact with an infected person. Only students will be tested at Student Health and Counseling Services. All employees should get tested through their primary care provider or the health department in their county.

- 2) What should faculty do if a student in one of their classes tests positive? Will a quarantine be required? Will the entire class and faculty member require a test?

Student Health and Counseling Services staff, working with the Weakley County Health Department officials, will begin tracing the contacts of the student, including those in the student's classes. Based on the exposure and circumstances for each person, the student health staff will determine whether the person needs to quarantine.

- 3) Will faculty be officially notified if a student in their class has tested positive? If faculty are informed of a student testing positive, will we be provided the name of the student and the date of the positive test?

Instructors will be notified that a student in their class tested positive. To protect the student's medical privacy, the student will need to give approval to release his/her name to instructors.

- 4) The State of Tennessee recently announced it will not collect nor will it provide data on COVID-19 cases in schools in Tennessee. Does this extend to higher education? Will UTM collect and share infection data publicly?

UTM shares data on positive cases with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and is updating the university website Monday-Friday with the number of active COVID-19 cases for employees and students as that data is reported to university.

- 5) Will the university help to cover insurance deductible costs for faculty who have medical costs related to COVID-19 treatment? Are faculty meant to file workers' compensation in this circumstance?

If an employee believes he/she has conclusively been infected by COVID-19 as a result of his/her employment scope, the employee should follow the standard procedure for reporting a work-related injury