

To Students

Recent changes to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for Covid-19 isolation and quarantine guidelines have been implemented by local authorities and will now apply to WSU Tech. The new guidelines are still very similar in intent. Person-to-person infectiousness and transmissibility remain a risk, regardless of vaccination status, for up to 10 days after initial infection. The change for those returning a positive Covid-19 test is as follows:

- Continue with 10 days of isolation
- The first 5 days are spent in at-home isolation
- The second 5 days are spent in behind-mask isolation

This means students can return to class after only 5 days at home from the onset of symptoms, provided the following are all true:

- There has been no fever for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications
- All symptoms have resolved or are significantly reduced
- A well-fitting mask will be worn at all times in and out of the classroom and lab area

Compliance with the 5 days of masking after return to class will help other students avoid infection and stay in classes as well. Please stay in communication with your instructors, advisors, and me if you need to miss more than the 5 days due to extended symptoms. Vaccination has proven to be the best prevention to keep infections mild. If you are not vaccinated, or are eligible for a booster, please consider getting the shot to stay healthy and in class!