BOSTON UNIVERSITY STAFF AND FACULTY:
WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days and have not yet communicated this result to Occupational Health, you must notify BU Healthway at 617-353-0550 in order to upload your previous results and adjust your testing requirements.

You test positive for COVID-19

BU Healthway staff notifies you

You’re given instructions on how to isolate at home and guidance on how to seek medical care, as needed

BU Healthway completes a work status report and sends it to you. You should immediately notify your supervisor, department chair, or dean that you are not cleared to come to work

A contact tracer contacts you and gathers your close contact information

A contact tracer notifies each of your BU close contacts—your identity is not revealed

BU Healthway staff reaches out about 5–7 days after positive result to monitor your symptoms

BU Healthway staff reaches out about 10 days after positive result to assess your ability to return to work

This is a standard notice that you have a valid work absence, without any mention of your testing or isolation status.

Each of your BU close contacts is advised to get tested and quarantine for 14 days.

You are cleared for work once you are at least 10 days out from onset of symptoms or positive result and free of fever/symptoms for at least 24 hours without medication.

BU employees who become infected with coronavirus and then recover will not be retested for 90 days. This is following CDC guidelines, which state there have been no confirmed reports to date of a person being reinfected with COVID-19 within 3 months of initial infection. These people must, however, continue filling out their daily health attestations and must contact Healthway if they should become symptomatic again.

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