My Student Has COVID-19

Information for faculty should a student report that they have COVID-19 or suspect that they have COVID-19

Do students have to disclose their medical condition to faculty?
In general, a student is not required to provide a doctor’s note. They are also not required to disclose that they have COVID-19.

Can a faculty member ask a student for a doctor’s note?
A doctor’s note is not required for COVID-19, specifically. If, however, a student is unable to complete required assignments or attend required class meetings, a faculty member can request a doctor’s note to verify a student’s illness. This is the same procedure that would be used for any medical situation that prevented a student from completing required work on a short-term basis.

In the case of a longer-term medical disability, an accommodation should be requested through Disability Resource Services.

What can you do to help the student?
- Advise the student to stay at home and self-isolate from others.
- Provide information and guidance to the student regarding course options.

Alternatives are at the discretion of the faculty and may include approved class absences, delayed assignment deadlines, reduced assignments, etc.

Submit a STANCARES Form
If you are concerned a student is experiencing difficulties with COVID-19 and it is affecting their health and well-being, you are encouraged to submit a STANCARES form.

- Submit a Report

Let the student know the next steps they should take in regards to their enrollment in your class.
- This may include:
  - If you want them to stay in contact with you to provide an update on when they will return to class.
• When deferred or postponed assignments will be due.
• If they feel well enough can they attend class as a passive participant, deferring assignments until they fully recover.
• Refer the student to the Student COVID-19 resource page.

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for more information relating to:

Symptoms, testing and vaccines.

Learn about when to quarantine and when you can safely be around others.

Publications on COVID-19 from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Information is updated regularly.

• Things You Need to Know
• Populations with Increased Risk
• How COVID-19 Spreads

Campus Resources

• COVID-19 Updates and FAQs
• Symptom Monitoring
• Face Covering Protocol

Campus COVID-19 Case Rates

• View number of known and reported cases

State and Regional Resources

• California Department of Public Health Updates
• Stanislaus County Department of Public Health