

# **COVID – 19 PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS**

This procedure was created for the University of Calgary in accordance with the Alberta Health guidance for post secondary. Updated July 27, 2021.

## **Purpose:**

To establish a guideline for students when they become sick.

#### **General Procedure:**

- All students should be aware of symptoms of illness and not come to university if sick or symptomatic.
- If a student has symptoms, they should complete the self-assessment on the Alberta Health Services website <a href="AHS COVID-19 Self-Assessment">AHS COVID-19 Self-Assessment</a> and follow guidance from AHS, which may include booking a COVID-19 test.
- Instructors and lab supervisors are required by the Alberta Post-secondary Guidance document to maintain a record of attendance, in the event of contact tracing. Contact tracing would be the responsibility of AHS, if the student tests positive for COVID-19.

### Procedure if a student becomes sick while at university:

- 1. If a student becomes sick, they should leave the classroom, lab or workspace immediately if they are well enough (see transportation options below).
  - The student should wear a mask while leaving the premises and/or while waiting for transportation. Campus Security (403-220-5333) can be contacted to provide a mask to a sick student. Masks are also available through the Student Wellness Centre during office hours.
  - If the student needs to wait for transportation, they may stay indoors while maintaining a 2-metre physical distance from others.
  - If weather is nice and student is well enough, they can stay outside while waiting for transport.
- 2. Instruct student to perform hand hygiene and avoid contact with others or the environment.

- 3. Regular routine cleaning and disinfection practices are recommended to keep transmission risk low. Common areas are routinely services by Facilities Caretaking.
- 4. Once at home, the student should complete the self-assessment on the Alberta Health Services website AHS COVID-19 Self-Assessment, and follow the directions.
- 5. Student should inform their supervisor, instructor or, if in residence, their community advisor of their absence.
- 6. Student should attempt to identify a list of people with whom they were in close contact (within 2 metres without physical barrier or without PPE) should a positive COVID-19 test indicate a need for contact tracing.
- 7. Students will remain off campus until cleared to return in accordance with self-assessment or testing results (based on AHS isolation criteria).

## Recommended transportation options (in order):

- 1. Student drives self home.
- 2. Pickup by family or friend:
  - Remind student to keep distance.
  - Masks can be obtained through the Student Wellness Centre or Campus Security (403-220-5333) if department does not have a mask to give to student.
    - o Have a peer come to pick up mask.
- 3. Pickup by taxi:
  - Provide student with mask and instructions to perform hand hygiene before entering the vehicle.
    - Avoid touching inside the vehicle
    - Keep mask on for the duration of ride
  - NOTE that you will have to check with the taxi company if they will be able to transport and take precautions (e.g. clean inside of vehicle, etc.)
- 4. Public transportation (bus, c-train) is <u>NOT</u> allowed under public health orders.
- 5. Call 911 for individuals requiring emergency medical assistance.