

Tusculum University has established the following coronavirus protocols for students, faculty and staff:

- Face coverings are generally not required, but Tusculum family members are welcome to wear one if they choose.
- Residential students who test positive will be encouraged to return home, but if that is not possible, they will be isolated in another part of campus.
- All Tusculum family members who test positive must isolate for at least five days. On Day 6, they will be allowed to return to work or come out of isolation housing if they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours and are not experiencing other major symptoms. However, they must wear a face covering except when they are in their room or office through Day 10. They do not have to wear a face covering outdoors but should have one with them in case they come into contact with others. Student-athletes should notify their athletic trainer for further guidance.
- Contacts do not have to quarantine unless they experience symptoms, but they should take a coronavirus test after five days if they are not symptomatic and earlier if they are symptomatic. Contacts must wear a face covering indoors through Day 5 but can forego that covering starting on Day 6 if they test negative. Students must provide a copy of the negative test to the Office of Student Affairs and include their name and date of test.
- Facilities management staff will continue to spray classrooms at least once a day to kill potential viruses.
- We will hold in-person classes, but faculty members will work with students who are positive or a contact and cannot come to class.
- Community members and relatives of Tusculum faculty, staff and students should not come to campus if they are sick, feeling symptoms of the coronavirus or have been diagnosed. They should also not come to campus if they are not fully vaccinated and boosted and are a contact.

We encourage Tusculum family members to practice important measures to help protect themselves and others against the coronavirus, such as frequent hand washing and coughing into the crook of their arm. They should also not come to class in person or to the office if they have been diagnosed with the coronavirus or are experiencing symptoms that are not typical of their everyday experiences. It is particularly important that they stay home if their temperature exceeds 100.4 degrees.

Should you develop coronavirus symptoms, be diagnosed or be identified as a contact, you must immediately inform the appropriate group at Tusculum.

- Students need to email the Office of Student Affairs at studentaffairs@tusculum.edu or call the COVID-19 hotline at 423-636-0500. They should also alert their professors.
- Employees must contact the Human Resources Department at humanresources@tusculum.edu or 423-636-7345 (extension 5345 on campus) as well as their supervisor.