

START HERE

Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 10 days?

Yes

- Don't come to placement
- Email MedDailyCheck + discipline EO
- Isolate from symptom onset / positive test (if asymptomatic). If the symptoms have resolved for the final 2 days of 7 days then can return on day 8 with a negative antigen test prior to return
- If symptoms not resolved at day 7 or day 8 antigen positive, continue to isolate for the full 10 days. There is no need for an antigen test at this stage

No

Do you have any of the following*:
• cough,
• fever,
• shortness of breath,
• change/loss in sense of smell,
• change/loss in sense of taste,
• headache
• sore throat
• runny nose/nasal congestion
• Any other flu-like symptoms (fatigue/aches & pains etc.)
now or in the last 10-14 days?

Yes

- Don't come to placement
- Self-isolate + arrange PCR through GP / HSE portal (state you are a healthcare worker)
- Email your Discipline EO to inform of symptoms

COVID detected

COVID NOT detected

- Inform your Discipline EO
- Return to placement **48 hours after your symptoms resolve**

If you develop symptoms, or if you have a positive antigen test

No

Are you a household contact of a confirmed case?

Yes

Wear FFP2 mask for full 10 days, and complete antigen test days 0/3/7

No

You may go to college / placement

Algorithm based on <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/workplace-health-and-wellbeing-unit/covid-19-guidance/occupational-health-interim-guidance.pdf>
* If you have Covid-19 symptoms you will need to get a PCR test an LFT alone will not suffice.

Daily COVID-19 Questionnaire Algorithm for TCD medical students on placement (Update 13/03/22) – Subject to Revision

Close contact definition:

have a cumulative unprotected exposure during one work shift (i.e. any breach or omission of the appropriate PPE) for > 15 minutes face-to-face (< 1 meters distance) to a case

OR

have any unprotected exposure of your eyes or mouth or mucus membranes, to the bodily fluids (mainly respiratory secretions e.g. coughing, but also includes blood, stools, vomit, and urine) of the case.

OR

have any unprotected exposure (i.e. any breach in the appropriate PPE) while present in the same room when an aerosol generating procedure is undertaken on the case.

Casual contact definition:

A cumulative protected exposure during one work shift for > 15 minutes face-to-face (< 1 meters distance) to a case

OR

Any protected exposure to the bodily fluids (mainly respiratory secretions e.g. coughing but also includes blood, stools, vomit, and urine) of the case

OR

Any protected exposure while present in the same room when an aerosol generating procedure is undertaken on the case

OR

Not wearing gloves but was wearing other appropriate PPE, performed hand hygiene immediately after hand skin contact with secretions / excretions of a case, would be considered low risk and therefore not a close contact.

OR

A cumulative unprotected exposure during one shift (i.e. any breach or omission of appropriate PPE) for less than 15 minutes face-to-face (less than 1 meters distance) to a case.

Household contact definition: *People living or sleeping in the same home, individuals in shared accommodation sharing kitchen or bathroom facilities, sexual partners*

Conditions associated with suboptimal vaccine response: Persons; with advanced cancer, undergoing cancer treatment (in the last 6 weeks, or 1 year for haematological malignancy), eGFR <30ml/min, history of solid organ transplant, HSC transplant in last year, listed for solid organ/HSC transplant, HIV, APECED, Inborn errors in the interferon pathway, receiving immunosuppressants including high dose steroids, cyclophosphamide, rituximab, alemtuzumab, cladribine, ocrelizumab etc. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/guidelines/covid19.pdf> - Table 5a.2