



**COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions  
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**If I miss class because I'm having COVID symptoms, will I be counted absent and miss assignments?**

*Students won't be penalized for following the COVID protocols. Students can work with their instructors to make arrangements for work and assignments.*

**If there is a COVID exposure in my class, how will I be notified?**

*The WGTC COVID Response Team will contact you individually via phone and/or student email with specific instructions for your next steps.*

**If my instructor or classmate is required to quarantine due to COVID exposure, will he/she be required to present a negative test before returning to campus?**

*In most cases, students and instructors will be able to return to campus after the quarantine period and will not be required to present a negative test before returning to campus. However, the WGTC COVID Response Team will monitor all cases and will provide direction as necessary.*

**If one of my classes is temporarily moved online due to COVID exposure, am I required to quarantine?**

*Some classes are moving online due to an instructor quarantine that has had no exposure to students. In this case, students will simply continue classes online until the instructor can return to campus. Specific communication will be sent to students in these cases via Blackboard and their student email, and it is important to read it carefully. If a student is unsure on next steps, they can contact the WGTC COVID Response Team at [COVID@westgatech.edu](mailto:COVID@westgatech.edu)*

**If my class is temporarily moved online, will it stay online for the rest of the semester?**

*No. Most classes will return to campus after a specified period of time.*

**If I learn of a COVID exposure in my class, can I transfer to a different class section online?**

*A student can inquire about the possibility of transferring classes by emailing [Academics@westgatech.edu](mailto:Academics@westgatech.edu). However, any transfers are dependent on class availability and nature of the course content.*

**If I stay home to care for a family member who has COVID, will my absence be excused?**

*Yes. Students can work with their instructors to make arrangements for work and assignments.*

**If I work in a healthcare or long-term care facility where I care for patients either suspected or confirmed COVID positive, can I still attend on campus classes?**

*Yes. We ask that you follow strict PPE protocol set forth by the CDC while working and monitor yourself for symptoms on a daily basis. While on campus, wear your mask at all times and social distance when possible. If you notice any symptoms, do not come onto campus and contact the WGTC COVID Response Team for guidance.*

**If someone in my class tests positive for COVID, and I am notified of a possible exposure, why won't the WGTC COVID Response Team tell me who tested positive?**

*An individual's health and medical information is protected by The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). We have a responsibility to protect the identity of all students and employees.*

**What if I have a medical condition that does not permit me to wear a mask?**

*You will need to provide medical documentation to WGTC Accessibility Service Coordinator [zelma.jones@westgatech.edu](mailto:zelma.jones@westgatech.edu). The most appropriate accommodations will be determined to best serve the student and the entire college.*

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