

# COVID-19 privacy and close contacts

## When someone is diagnosed with COVID-19 on campus...

... university and health department officials will be notified. Only a select few people at Northern will know the identity of the person. Personal information is kept confidential to respect their privacy and adhere to federal FERPA and HIPAA regulations.

Close contacts will be identified and notified.

## What are close contacts?

A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes. Close contacts are at risk of getting sick and must be identified and put in quarantine. Contacts of close contacts do not need to be identified, contacted or quarantined.

## For example...

... Janet sits next to Aaron in class. Aaron gets sick with COVID-19. Janet needs to be quarantined, even though she is healthy at the time. Janet also is a member of a theatre production on campus, however no one in the production has been near Janet recently. Therefore, no one else in the theatre production needs to be quarantined.