

**Q&A Faculty Teams Live – Opening, Academic, and Research Updates and Reminders
February 18, 2021**

Questions about Health and Safety

Are the UVM positive case numbers included in the daily Vermont COVID positive numbers?

Yes, UVM results are reported to the Vermont Department of Health directly by our testing partner and are included in the state's daily reports.

Will there be any changes at UVM for quarantining guidelines after non-essential travel for individuals (faculty/staff in particular) who are fortunate to be now fully vaccinated?

All of the health and safety guidelines (travel, gathering, masking) in the Governor's current executive orders apply to people who have been vaccinated. You can find current travel information [here](#).

What is the percent positivity threshold for when UVM would pivot to all remote instruction?

The UVMStrong group will continue to monitor multiple variables and provide guidance on what activities are permitted under what conditions. There is no single variable that will determine a change in campus operations.

What is the total capacity of quarantine beds in UVM?

The university has 230 beds for isolation and quarantine use.

For students in quarantine - are there services and online kinds of support specifically for them to keep them engaged. If so, where can I get the information to communicate with them?

In addition to remaining engaged in their studies, students in quarantine have access to the virtual programming provided to all of our students; check the [UVM Bored](#) calendar for listings. Quarantine services include a welcome pack, student ambassador support, regular daily health checks, on-site nursing care, and twice daily meal delivery.

What is the average number of close contacts isolating per infected student?

Typically, and most frequently, 2 to 3. In cases of social gatherings 10 to 12.

If a faculty member teaching in-person classes knows that one of their students has tested positive for COVID, but the faculty has not been contacted through contact tracing, is there someone the faculty member can contact if they are concerned?

The faculty member can e-mail Student Health Services (SHS) to share this concern. SHS will explore the situation and respond. It is important to remember that not all contact is close contact. You can find more information about contact tracing [here](#).

Questions about Faculty Professional Development

Why do we have a part-time Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) leader? Is PT common for R1 institutions?

Models across R1 and R2 universities vary. UVM has found that a part-time CTL director who is also an active teacher brings timely and valuable classroom experience to the role.

The NCFDD has some great programs, I agree. Some of them cost money. It appears that we are supposed to ask for institutional support for that. Is there any possibility that NTT faculty might be eligible for that?

The Provost's Office covers the cost of the NCFDD institutional membership for all faculty, graduate students, and post docs. Faculty members may use professional development funds for NCFDD programs that have additional costs. Full-time NTT faculty are eligible for professional development funds; part-time faculty may request professional development funds following the process outlined in the Part-Time Unit CBA found [here](#).