

COVID-19 cases and reporting procedures

142 total confirmed positive cases (137 students and 5 employees) reported to NDSU in the past two weeks as of 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 16. Of the students, 28 are in isolation in university housing.

There are 236 students currently in quarantine in university housing.

This is the number of confirmed positive cases that we know about. We are providing this information so our employees and students can be aware of the Covid-19 activity on the NDSU-Fargo campus. We are not including cases for COVID-19 positive people who have not been physically on the NDSU-Fargo campus during the previous 14 days.

Cases are reported to us a few ways, primarily through public health entities or individuals self reporting. Please see the links below for the procedures to self report.

There may be additional positive cases that have not been reported to NDSU.

NDSU does not have direct access to all the data of the people being tested. However, based on the information we have, it appears that NDSU's overall number of cases is increasing as well as the positivity rate (i.e., the ratio of positives cases to the overall number being tested). It takes a few days for the test results and notification processes to work.

In the mass testing event conducted between August 18-23, a total of 1,664 students and employees were tested with 33 positive cases, which led to a positivity rate of 2.0%. This matched closely with the Cass County positivity rate, which also hovered around 2.0% during that time period.

In our most recent testing event on Tuesday and Wednesday, we had 1,242 tested with 90 positive cases leading to a positivity rate of 7.2%. Correspondingly, the Cass County positivity rate for Tuesday and Wednesday was around 5%.

We will not violate patient confidentiality by revealing identities. If you were a close contact (<https://www.ndresponse.gov/node/5640>) of a person who has tested positive, you will be contacted by a public health official and will receive instruction on quarantine (<https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/WhatsTheDifference.pdf>) and symptom monitoring.

The number of students in isolation or being quarantined in university housing is provided because we are housing them, but there may be other students or employees in isolation or in quarantine elsewhere.

We will update the numbers by noon each weekday, except for holidays that fall on weekdays.

Cass County data is available in the North Dakota Department of Health data (<https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/north-dakota-coronavirus-cases>).

For questions/concerns, please contact ndsufall2020@ndsuh.edu (<mailto:ndsufall2020@ndsuh.edu>).

STUDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES (https://www.ndsu.edu/covid19/student_reporting_procedure)

EMPLOYEE REPORTING PROCEDURES (https://www.ndsu.edu/covid19/employee_reporting_procedure)

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