What to do (and not do) and what happens if a student in a class tests positive

Take a breath. Hold all communications. Review what happens next.

- Do not email the students in your class about a positive case.
- If you are worried or have questions, reach out to CovidClassHelp@mit.edu.

Key Points

- There are different protocols for vaccinated close contacts (no quarantine) versus unvaccinated close contacts (must quarantine).
  - MIT Medical makes this determination (including who is a close contact).
  - Do not make assumptions or determinations on your own.
  - Do not conduct your own investigation.

- The Institute’s 2x/week testing protocol for students is robust and based on a strong scientific foundation.
  - It takes 3–5 days for an exposed person to convert to positive, so our testing protocol for students (every 3–4 days) naturally works to limit spread early in the disease cycle.
  - The contact tracing team has expertise and experience for how to handle individual and multiple cases.

Keep on Teaching (as you were).

- There is no expectation for instructors to adopt hybrid teaching, but we encourage you to review ways to provide academic assistance to students who are isolating: til.mit.edu/teaching-resources/fall-2021-teaching-resources
- There is no need to communicate with your class about the positive.
- In the event of rumors, contact medical@mit.edu and let us know what you are hearing.