

# UD COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM

## FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS

- The University will require tests for these student groups prior to the start of classes Aug. 24:
  - All undergraduate students, including those who live in UD housing, commuter students, and those living in landlord and other non-UD housing.
  - Graduate and law students who live in UD housing.
  - Any graduate or law student (international or domestic) who has recently traveled abroad.
- The required test is a **nasopharyngeal PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19)**, the gold standard for active infection. No other test will be accepted.
- **The nasopharyngeal PCR test must be administered in the five days prior to arrival on campus. Results may take several days to obtain.**
- Students are **strongly advised to have this test done at home** within the five days prior to arrival on campus. If their test is positive, they are required to stay home to recuperate and may not come to campus for at least 10 days if they have no symptoms. If symptoms develop during that time, they should contact their health care provider and may not come to campus until their provider confirms they are no longer contagious. They must bring that documentation from their provider with them when they return to campus.
- Students who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 or are exposed to someone with COVID-19 shortly before they plan to arrive should delay their travel, contact their health care provider for evaluation, and not come to campus until they have completed their quarantine and are no longer contagious.
- During their scheduled move-in or check-in and prior to getting access to their University housing, students must present documentation of a negative result from a test performed during the preceding five days or, if tested on campus, self-isolate in their room until test results are received.
- **The documentation must be a hard copy and include the results of the test, the date the test was administered, the name and address of the lab, and verification that the nasopharyngeal PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 was performed.** If the documentation does not meet the proper criteria, students will be required to have a test done on campus at the time of check-in and self-isolate in their room until a negative result is obtained.
- Students who present proper documentation of a negative result within the five previous days will **not** be required to self-isolate upon coming to campus.
- If you are unable to be tested prior to your arrival to campus, as a last resort the University will administer a test at move-in or check-in. **Students who are tested upon arrival must self-isolate in their room until test results are known to be negative, which could be several days.** You will receive an email from Housing and Residence Life to register for your move-in time with additional information on requesting an on-campus test.

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- Any UD student tested upon arrival who receives a positive COVID-19 result will be required to leave campus promptly, including those who live in non-UD housing, and return to their permanent residence to recuperate until their health care provider confirms they are no longer infectious, typically 10-14 days and possibly more. University students who test positive will also need to cooperate with public health and University officials, if they determine that contact tracing is appropriate.
- In some circumstances and depending on the limited availability of isolation housing and medical resources, students traveling greater than 400 miles who are tested upon arrival and who test positive, may be assigned to a campus location for up to 10-14 days of isolation. **We strongly advise students who are traveling more than 400 miles or traveling by air or other public transportation to be tested prior to arriving on campus.**
- In order to attend class, commuters and students living in landlord or other non-UD housing must schedule a time to present documentation of a negative test result or to have a test performed. You will receive an email from Housing and Residence Life to register for a check-in time to provide the documentation or schedule a test.
- Requirements for getting a COVID-19 test vary by state and county. Always check requirements in your area of residence for the best information. Be aware that in most cases you need to make an appointment in advance and obtain a physician's order to obtain the test. Many testing sites such as walk-ins, drugstore or other locations, do not offer the nasopharyngeal PCR for SARS-CoV-2; **always verify the type of test prior to arriving.**
- In general, there are several ways to get a physician's order:
  - Contact your primary care physician to request an order for the nasopharyngeal PCR test for SARS-CoV-2. Be aware that you may need to make an appointment in advance to obtain the test.
  - Check your state or local public health office for guidance and resources about testing.
- As of this writing, most health insurance is required to cover this test, but you should **verify coverage with your health insurance provider** prior to testing. The University is not responsible for any costs associated with tests ordered by a health care provider.
- Many states, [such as Ohio](#), are providing free or low-cost testing. Check your state's department of health for free testing site locations and requirements. Be sure to ask about the type of test available; not all sites offer the required nasopharyngeal PCR test for SARS-CoV-2.
- Plan ahead. Remember that the state of the pandemic is rapidly evolving in different areas of the country and that it may not be possible to obtain a test within the five-day requirement at the last minute. It also usually takes several days to receive the results of your test. Make sure you bring a hard copy of the negative test results with you when you check in.

