



Fall 2021 COVID-19 Testing

Salus University is launching a random COVID-19 testing process for asymptomatic students and faculty. The purpose of this project is to sample our community and document infection rates within the university. The testing will occur weekly over the course of the semester, commencing September 13th and running through December 13th. Each week, Salus will test approximately 5% of students and faculty using a BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test kit.

- Weekly, the randomly selected individuals will receive an email on Friday instructing them to pick up a testing kit from the security desk at Elkins Park. These self-test kits are designed to be used at home.
 - Exempt individuals, who already submit weekly test results, will not be included in this testing.
 - Students who are not on campus due to clinical/field work experiences or other reasons will not be included in this testing.
 - NOTE: This process does not replace self-monitoring that you may already be doing.
- Each kit contains two tests. The test result is available 15 minutes after administration. If the first test result is positive, there is no need to take the second test; see below for further instructions on a positive test. If the first test result is negative, the second test must be administered within 3 days, with at least 36 hours between tests.
- After obtaining your test kits from the Security Office (1st Floor, South Building, Elkins Park campus), take the 1st test on Monday after 5:00pm, and the 2nd test at least 36 hours later (Wednesday) in order to allow for the results to be reported by Thursday. Both the first and second test results (including photographs of the test card) must be reported to randomtesting@salus.edu before 5:00pm on Thursday of the week that you do the test. Anyone who does not report their results by that deadline will have their BlackBoard, campus, and clinic access restricted.
- Note: If you obtain a positive (+) test, please IMMEDIATELY notify the Pandemic Safety Officer (bzuckerman@salus.edu) Do not enter any Salus facility until you receive further instructions and please limit your contact with others. Please also note that if at any time you feel symptoms, contact the Pandemic Safety Officer

Test results will be recorded in a database to allow the university to track trends in positivity rates for the university. Aggregate data will be posted on the Covid Dashboard.