

## **Before you return**

Greetings, and Happy New Year!

We hope this finds you well and ready to return to Rowan for Spring 2021.

First, thank you. By wearing masks, reporting concerns, maintaining social and physical distancing, and exhibiting true resilience, you've helped Rowan become a model in higher education during challenging times.

We know "COVID fatigue" is real. Being tired, frustrated, and disappointed are normal reactions. However, we need you to persevere and continue to help us so that spring 2021 is even better than fall 2020. With your passionate convictions and adherence to guidelines, Rowan will continue to serve as a beacon for others to follow.

## **Spring 2021 Requirements**

Based upon current data and enhanced testing availability, Rowan University is adding the following requirements for all in-person student activities for the health and safety of students and the broader University community.

### **1. Negative test prior to returning:**

Students scheduled to engage in in-person activities will be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test result within 10 days of the first day of participation (i.e., move-in, class attendance, practice, etc.).

- a. Students will be offered a free, University-provided test through LabCorp.
- b. Students must submit a result from a PCR coronavirus test. They are highly accurate, but require a laboratory to analyze results which may take a number of days to receive results.
- c. Once the test results are available, students will be required to upload the official information via MedicaT (please see information in this document).
- d. Students who have a history of a positive test within the past 90 days will not be required to be tested.

### **2. Registration for University-provided test:**

Rowan University has partnered with LabCorp to provide one free at-home, self-collected COVID-19 testing for students. [Nasal swab tests from Pixel by LabCorp can be ordered online here \(https://www.wellconnectplus.com/?company=HGIKEM\)](https://www.wellconnectplus.com/?company=HGIKEM). The visitor access code to create your account is "**rowan**." Follow instructions provided on the website. For more information about the testing process, contact LabCorp's customer support at 1-844-251-6524.

- a. **How testing works:** The kit, which will be delivered to the destination you choose and returned to the lab via FedEx, includes all of the supplies you will need, including detailed instructions to complete your self-collection. Upon completing your test and securing it in the postage-paid, pre-addressed FedEx return package, you will deliver it to a FedEx drop box. All instructions will be in your package.

- b. **Timing:** According to LabCorp, if you order the test by 3 p.m., it will be sent overnight and delivered to your home by FedEx the next day. If you order after 3 p.m., it will be shipped the following morning. Completed nasal swab tests must be delivered to a FedEx drop box the same day you collect your sample. You will be able to track your sample on the LabCorp website.
- c. **Results:** Once received by the lab, results will be available on the secure, online HIPAA-compliant portal where you requested your kit. You will receive an email when your kit has been received and results are ready to view. Results will be available in two to four days. If your test comes back positive for COVID-19, a health care professional will contact you to help you with next steps.

### 3. Report your negative test:

Once complete, upload an image of your completed PCR test to <https://rowan.medicatconnect.com/docupload.aspx>. Upload the negative COVID-19 lab test result under the "COVID Lab Test Result" document in the drop down.

- a. Students may alternatively receive a PCR COVID test at a provider found at the NJ COVID19 testing resource page <https://COVID19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites> and upload the results as indicated above.
- b. Students will not be allowed to engage in in-person activities and live on campus until a COVID-19 test with a negative result has been uploaded.
- c. Students who have issues with access to Medicat should contact the Wellness Center at 856-256-4333.

### 4. Residential health through surveillance

- a. All residential students will be scheduled for COVID testing on a biweekly basis. You will be notified of your time slot prior to arrival to campus.
- b. Additionally, Rowan will monitor wastewater on a regular basis and will review samples collected from residential housing facilities as appropriate based on public health recommendations and campus-specific circumstances.
  - i. Wastewater testing is not individualized and requires follow-up if viral load is detected in a target population. Rowan will pair wastewater testing with individualized follow-up tests to identify students who are positive for the virus. Students are required to participate in further testing if data from wastewater testing demonstrates a need for follow-up to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Students who have a history of a positive test within 90 days may not be required to submit to follow-up testing.
  - ii. Where wastewater analysis demonstrates the presence of viral load in a particular residential housing facility, or where other circumstances dictate the need, students may be required to have an antigen test. Because sensitivity of antigen tests is less than that of traditional laboratory tests, students who have a positive antigen test will be referred to the Hollybush testing clinic for a

laboratory test and will be required to self-isolate until the results are received.

## **5. Other populations**

- a. Students who participate in certain high-contact programs, including clinical internships, athletic training programs and physical education courses may be required to participate in regular screening.
- b. When a review of certain programs reflects the need for additional screening testing to enhance safety, Rowan reserves the right to implement additional required screening as a condition of participation in in-person educational activities.
- c. When a review of Rowan health metrics, including daily assessment data, students in isolation/quarantine, or anecdotal reports to the Wellness Center or other public health officials reflects a potential cluster of cases, Rowan may implement expanded testing of the potential cluster to include students residing in a residential housing facility, students participating in a particular extracurricular activity or program/major.
- d. Testing methods will be determined in accordance with applicable public health recommendations and may include antigen testing for targeted populations or PCR testing where an outbreak is suspected.

## **6. Compliance**

- a. Students who refuse to participate in required testing will be referred to the Office of Community Standards and may be sanctioned to ensure community health.

Please call if you have any questions. We look forward to another safe and healthy semester.

University Wellness Center - (856) 256-4333  
Student Life Office - (856) 256-4283

Respectfully,

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Scott Woodside, Director of the Wellness Center