Spring 2021 COVID-19 Testing

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TOPIC: Spring 2021 COVID-19 Testing

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We would like to first pay honor and tribute to the original inhabitants of this land. This region includes the ancestral homelands of the Tohono O’odham Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.
Housekeeping

• **To ask questions** during the webinar, please **submit your question in the Q&A window** located on the bottom of Zoom page.

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Wildcat Wellcheck (https://wellcheck.arizona.edu/)

- **Wildcat WellCheck** a self-administered wellness screen that assesses for potential symptoms of COVID-19, to help protect the health of the campus community.

- All employees, students and DCCs are **required to enroll** with **Wildcat WellCheck**

- Employees and students **must submit** the daily screening before they arrive to UA campus or a UA facility.
Wildcat WellCheck (cont.)
https://wellcheck.arizona.edu/

Enrollment Tips:
• All instructions are posted at wellcheck.arizona.edu.
• Users may enroll by cell phone or University email.
• All users enrolling by phone MUST re-enroll.
• Users can indicate if they are working 100% remotely or indicate which individual day(s) they regularly come to a UA campus/facility.
Wildcat WellCheck (cont.)
https://wellcheck.arizona.edu/

Daily WellCheck Tips:

- Users will receive a reminder text/email on days they enroll as being on campus.
- Users enrolled as 100% remote will not receive reminders.
- Enrolled users can use the “Submit My WellCheck” link on the Wildcat Wellcheck website to submit a wellcheck at any time.
- Users enrolled for text messaging can text WELLCHECK to receive their personalized wellcheck link.
Wildcat WellCheck (cont.)

https://wellcheck.arizona.edu/

- Wildcat WellCheck is now included as part of **Wildcat OneStop** and must be completed prior to testing.

- You can always update your enrollment settings from the Wildcat WellCheck webpage or your daily wellcheck notice.

- Wildcat Wellcheck is also available for visitors.

https://visitors.wellcheck.arizona.edu/
COVID Watch App

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COVID Watch (CW) App

- Generate a random ID for your device
- For the privacy protection, these IDs change every 10-20 minutes

- Exchange these privacy-preserving random IDs among phones with CW app via Bluetooth
- If the app user gets infected with COVID-19, health professionals give him/her a special code to enter into the app.

- The app periodically confirms all the random ID generated by the infected person’s phone against its own list.

https://www.google.com/covid19/exposurenotifications/
The screen the infected people enter the special code into.

Code is currently generated in the results portal.
Exposure Notification

New language to clarify exposure status

- **No Exposure Detected in 14 days**
  - The app did not detect exposure to another app user diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - Not everyone who is infected with COVID-19 has been diagnosed or uses an app.
  - Exposure thresholds for this notification are specific to this region.

  **Next steps for this region:**
  - With notifications ON, the app will continue to detect possible COVID-19 exposures, even when closed.
  - Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.
  - If you have COVID-19 symptoms, call Campus Health at (520) 621-9202.
  - Learn how to protect yourself and others.

- **Some Exposure in the past 14 days**
  - The app detected that you were exposed to another app user diagnosed with COVID-19. However, the exposure did not reach a level that requires further action.
  - Not everyone who is infected with COVID-19 has been diagnosed or uses an app.
  - Exposure thresholds for this notification are specific to this region.

  **Next steps for this region:**
  - The app detected someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Monitor for symptoms.
  - The exposure was not near enough for long enough to recommend quarantine.
  - If you have COVID-19 symptoms, call Campus Health at (520) 621-9202.

- **High Exposure in the past 14 days**
  - The app detected that you were exposed to another app user diagnosed with COVID-19. Based on the time and estimated proximity, you are recommended to self-quarantine.
  - Exposure thresholds for this notification are specific to this region.

  **Next steps for this region:**
  - Call Campus Health at (520) 621-9202 and schedule a COVID-19 test for November 6-7, 2020.
  - Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and get tested ASAP if symptoms appear.
  - Register with University of Arizona’s Contact Tracing team.
Key Messages

• **Statewide Rollout Coming Soon!**
  Initial statewide survey indicates overall positive response to the app and intention to download appears strong
• Need to **update to new version of the app** that has bugs fixed and now with unlimited duration to better assess exposure level
• People are already **doing a great job** using the app on campus!
  Roughly half of cases interviewed reported using the app.
  Of those – about half had entered their positive code prior to the contact tracer contacting them.
  Increasing rates of use and entering of positive codes will make it even more effective as a tool.
  To **maximize the utility of the app** – instructors and others leading groups – supervisors, residence life can remind students to update to the new version and to ensure that their Bluetooth is ON and enabled – especially when in class or other settings where they are around others.
  Important to do both regular contact tracing AND CovidWatch.
  Some people may not have the app and will need to be contacted directly.
Reminder! Update Covid Watch, turn on Exposure Notifications and your phone’s bluetooth!

And Don’t Forget Your Bluetooth needs to be turned ON!
Thank you

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Virus Testing
Antigen testing during blitzes and mitigation efforts

PCR Saline Gargle (SG) testing for normal surveillance

Antibody Testing
Ongoing antibody testing through statewide IRB-approved research study

https://covid19.arizona.edu/covid19-testing
PCR Saline Gargle (SG)

- Sensitivity: superior to antigen and PCR NP tests
- Cost of supplies/lab personnel: less than half compared to antigen tests*
- Results delivery time: 24 – 48 hours day compared to 2 hours for antigen tests*
- Collection process: minimal supervision required for self-administered tests

* Direct PCR technology significantly reduces cost and processing time

Do not eat, drink, use mouthwash, brush your teeth, chew gum, smoke, or vape for 30 minutes before your PCR SG test.
Eligibility for Virus Testing

• Free for all students and employees
• Designated Campus Colleagues now eligible if spending time on main campus (including UAHS) or in close contact with students and employees
  ▪ Email with survey link sent to all DCCs
  ▪ http://testing.wellcheck.arizona.edu/dcc
• Not available for contractors or family members at this time
Testing Process

1. Register online (one-time for each type of test)
2. Schedule appointment
3. Bring Wildcat OneStop for test check-in
4. Results available in ~2 hours for antigen test or 24 - 48 hours for PCR SG test

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Wildcat OneStop

Integration of test registration, Wildcat WellCheck and check-in

(https://onestop.wellcheck.arizona.edu/)
Test Sites – Main Campus (including UAHS)

- Main sites for virus testing
  - Student Union
  - North Rec
  - Global Center (formally Park Student Union)
- Distributed PCR SG sites (opening Feb 1)
  - Health Sciences
  - Harvill
- Antibody testing
  - Student Union (Catalina Room)
  - CATS (Health Sciences)
Testing at Remote Locations

- PCR SG testing at Phoenix Biomedical Campus
  - Coordinated by Cecilia Rosales
  - Expanded hours planned
- Pilots underway for PCR SG testing at remote locations
  - Sierra Vista
  - Oro Valley
  - East and West Valley
- Testing for Cooperative Extension students and employees
  - Coordinated by Jeffrey Silvertooth
Spring 2021 Testing Hours

https://covid19.arizona.edu/covid19-testing/locations
Why Require Employees to Test?

• Increased employee positives at the end of fall semester.
• Predicted increase in state and county COVID-19 rates.
• Increased university capacity to test.
• Equity concerns about only requiring students to test.

An Employee Testing Working Group was formed with 12 members, including six faculty members, to provide guidance on this issue.
Which Employees Are Required to Test This Semester?

- Employees who come to work at Tucson Main Campus (including UAHS) at least one day per week and have job duties that involve contact with other individuals (list on next slide).
- Includes student employees.
- Does NOT include DCCs or contractors.
Employee Job Duties

- In-person instruction or in-person meetings with students.
- Facilities management/operations duties, such as custodial or maintenance work.
- Transportation duties in vehicles with co-workers or other passengers.
- Food preparation, service, delivery, or clean-up.
- Point of sale transactions or interactions.
- Research duties within six feet of other individuals in campus labs or research support spaces.
- Other duties that involve in-person proximity (e.g., six feet or closer) with others for more than 15 minutes cumulatively during a work shift.
Employee Testing Process

- **Testing Options:** Employees are encouraged to test at University testing sites but may test at other locations.

- **Reporting Job Duties:** Employees are required to self-report whether they perform the job duties on the previous slide in Wildcat Wellcheck. Text JOIN to 35106 or update your enrollment at wellcheck.arizona.edu.

- **Tracking:** If employees test at a university testing location, this will be tracked through the UA testing system. If employees test at a non-university testing location, they are required to report that information through Wildcat Wellcheck.

- **Pay:** Employees will be paid for time spent testing. Supervisors may require employees to test at university testing locations if their normal work hours fall within the hours of the testing locations.
Testing Exemptions and Accommodations

• Employees with positive PCR or antigen tests are not required to test for 90 days.
• A vaccine exemption process is being developed.
• An antibody exemption has not yet been approved.
• Employees can request disability accommodations from the Disability Resource Center (drc.arizona.edu) and religious accommodations from the Office of Institutional Equity (equity.arizona.edu).

More Information: https://covid19.arizona.edu/mandatory/testing/employee