

Westminster College COVID-19 Testing Protocols Spring 2021

ENTRY SCREENING TESTS

Any person with a documented positive test within 90 days of the start of the reentry testing protocol (January 4 for employees; January 11 for students) will be exempt from testing requirements per the CDC recommendations.

Return to Campus – Employee Testing

The College will require and provide testing for all employees prior to returning to work on campus. (Employees who have been provided with an accommodation for virtual or remote work do not need to be tested.) Human Resources will schedule employees based on priority status as determined by the area vice president. Employees whose immediate return to campus is essential for College operations will be tested using both rapid antigen and PCR and will be cleared for on-campus work immediately following the testing appointment so long as the rapid test results are negative. All other employees will be tested using PCR, and results will be returned within 48 hours. Employees may return to on-campus work once a negative test result is received. Employees who test positive will be required to isolate per the CDC guidelines. Employees should report to Old 77 at the scheduled date/time as notified by Human Resources.

Testing Dates

Monday, January 4 through Wednesday, January 6

Monday, January 11

Testing will be scheduled 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily

Return to Campus – Student Testing

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL: All students are highly encouraged to quarantine at home for 14 days prior to their scheduled return to campus. Residential students are encouraged to take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arrival on campus at their own expense, especially if home is more than 6 hours from campus. Labs results should be posted to the Student Health Portal. Students who are symptomatic or test positive should stay home and notify Student Affairs to make arrangements for an alternate move-in date and temporary virtual learning status.

ARRIVAL TO CAMPUS: All undergraduate and graduate students attending class on campus (virtual learners excluded) will be tested upon arrival or prior to the first day of class. Students who provide a negative test result conducted within the 72-hour window will be tested using rapid antigen and will not be required to quarantine upon arrival, unless the rapid test is positive. Students who are not tested at home will be tested using PCR and will quarantine on campus until negative test results are received. Students will quarantine in their assigned rooms, leaving only to pick up food from the dining halls. Appointments for on-campus testing can be scheduled here: [INSERT SCHEDULING LINK]

On the scheduled day and time, students should report to Old 77. Residential students may move in after receiving a negative test result. Students who test positive will be moved to isolation in Thompson House.

Testing Dates – Early Arrivals (Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Swim, and Diving)

Monday, January 4

**These students will move in on Sunday, January 3 and will be required to quarantine until test results are received. Students will be quarantined in their assigned rooms and will leave for practice and meals only.*

Testing Dates – Commuter, Fraternity and Off Campus Students

Tuesday, January 12

Testing will be scheduled 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily

Testing Dates – Residential Students

Monday, January 11 – Resident Assistants only

Thursday, January 14; Friday, January 15; Saturday, January 16; Monday, January 18

Testing will be scheduled 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily

SYMPTOM AND REGULAR SCREENING TESTS

Westminster College will test symptomatic students using rapid testing. Negative rapid tests will be followed up by PCR. When a student tests positive, all close contacts will be tested and required to quarantine on campus for a 10-day period. Students who decline on campus quarantine will be required to be tested at home before they can be approved to return to campus. Test results can be uploaded to the Student Health Portal.

Regular Screening

Westminster College will perform ongoing testing of a random selection of 10 percent of students, faculty, and staff each week. Surveillance testing will be done using PCR.

Athletic Surveillance Testing Protocol

Westminster College athletics will follow the testing protocols for each sport as recommended by the NCAA and Presidents Athletic Conference. Protocols will differ based on high, intermediate, and low risk designation.