Spring 2022
COVID-19 Testing Program

Effective: December 2021, revised January 6, 2022

Definitions:

Exempted Status: refers to those WNE community members who have an original, approved WNE exemption on file and have filed a renewal of that exemption with either HR or the Office of Health and Wellness for the Spring 2022 semester.

Vaccinated Status: refers to those WNE community members who are:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine of Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine

Note: this definition is based on current CDC definitions, which may change in the coming weeks.

Partially Vaccinated: refers to those WNE community members who have not completed all the requirements outlined for vaccinated status.

Weekly Surveillance Testing Program—Winter Break

January 3, 2022-January 17, 2022

Weekly surveillance testing is required for all exempted or partially vaccinated faculty, staff, or students.

Weekly surveillance testing will resume on Monday, January 3, 2021, for those present on campus during the winter break.

Weekly surveillance testing will be available in Health Services on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are not needed.

Student athletes should check in with their coaches for their surveillance testing schedules.

Exempted faculty, staff, or students may opt to have their testing done at an off-site facility, in which case their test results must be uploaded to covidvac@wne.edu for tracking purposes.
Re-Entry Testing—Spring 2022 Semester

All faculty, staff and students are required to have re-entry testing before the start of the semester. Please review the specific guidelines based your campus classification.

**Residential Students**

All WNE residential students must have re-entry testing **before moving back into campus housing, regardless of vaccination status.**

Re-entry tests must be SARS-CoV-2 PCR tests and be obtained within the range of dates noted below.

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<th>Move-in Date</th>
<th>PCR Timing Parameters</th>
<th>Due Date of Results to Health Services</th>
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<td>Early Arriving Student Athletes</td>
<td>The Department of Athletics and Health Services will be partnering to determine sport-specific timeframes. Please reach out to your coach for details.</td>
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<td>Residential Advisors</td>
<td>January 18, 2022</td>
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<td>New WNE Students</td>
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<td>New to Housing Students</td>
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<td>All other Residents</td>
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**All Faculty, Staff, and Commuter Students**

All faculty, staff, and commuter students must also have re-entry testing **before the start of the Spring 2022 semester.**

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Program Start Date</th>
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Re-entry tests may be obtained from Health Services or an off-site facility. If the PCR is obtained from an off-site facility, results must be uploaded to covidvac@wne.edu for tracking purposes by the due dates indicated.

Health Services will be open for walk-in re-entry testing on:

- January 14, 2022, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- January 15, 2022, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **note Saturday hours
- January 17—January 20, 2022, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **note extended hours are available all week

No appointment is necessary and there is no cost to faculty, staff, or students.

**Exception to Entry Testing**

Faculty, staff, or students that have had a prior illness with COVID-19 within the last 90 days are exempted from re-entry testing requirements.

Documentation of prior illness must be on file with Health Services.

Documentation may be submitted to covidvac@wne.edu.

Please feel free to reach out to Health Services at 413-782-1211 if you have any questions about re-entry testing requirements.

**Weekly Surveillance Testing Program—Spring 2022 Semester**

Weekly surveillance testing is required for all exempted or partially vaccinated faculty, staff, and students during the spring semester.

All student athletes, regardless of their vaccination status, must participate in twice-a-week surveillance testing during their competition season.

Exempted or partially vaccinated student athletes must also continue with weekly testing during their off-season throughout the semester.

The weekly testing cycle is defined as Sunday through Friday.

All surveillance tests must be completed by Friday of each testing cycle.

The Weekly Surveillance Testing Program for the Spring 2022 semester will commence on Monday, January 24, 2022, and will be available in Health Services on the following days:

- Mondays 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. **note new extended hours on Wednesday this semester.**
Appointments are not needed, and there is no out-of-pocket cost to faculty, staff, or students. Faculty, staff, or students who need accommodations for an alternative testing day due to scheduling conflicts must call Health Services for an appointment.

Faculty, staff, or students may opt to have their testing done at an off-site facility; in which case their test results must be uploaded to covidvac@wne.edu for tracking purposes by each Friday.

Diagnostic COVID-19 Testing
Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 can often be confused with common health issues, such as the common cold or allergies. The WNE community is expected to remain vigilant and refrain from working, attending classes, or participating in other campus-related activities until their symptoms are evaluated, and COVID-19 can be ruled out as the cause.

Clinical evaluations and diagnostic testing for COVID-19 are available in Health Services by appointment; please call 413-782-1211.

The most common signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Diagnostic testing for COVID-19 is a two-fold process:

1. a specimen is collected for a point of care test (rapid antigen test), performed in the office, and
2. an additional specimen is collected to send out for laboratory confirmatory PCR testing.

WNE will bill insurance companies for an office visit and laboratory test fee; there will be no out-of-pocket expense to faculty, staff, or students.