

## Spring 2022 **Student Athletes** COVID-19 Testing Program

### 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, either Pfizer or Moderna vaccines; or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, 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.

### Re-Entry Testing Student Athletes—Spring 2022 Semester

#### *Residential Student Athletes*

All student athletes occupying WNE residences 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.

Sport	Move-in Date	PCR Timing Parameters	Entry Test Results Due to Health Services
Women's Hockey Team	December 28, 2021	12/25/2021- 12/27/2021	12/27/2021
Men's and Women's Basketball Teams	December 29, 2021	12/26/2021- 12/28/2021	12/28/2021
Men's Ice Hockey	January 2, 2022	12/30/21- 1/1/2022	1/1/2022
Swimming	January 3, 2022	12/31/2021- 1/2/2022	1/2/2022
All other Student Athletes	January 23, 2022	01/19/2022- 01/21/2022	1/21/2022

Entry tests may be conducted by an off-site facility, in which case their test results must be uploaded to [covidvac@wne.edu](mailto:covidvac@wne.edu) for tracking purposes.

## Student Athlete Weekly Surveillance Testing Program—Winter Break

*January 3, 2022-January 19, 2022*

All student athletes, **regardless of their vaccination status**, must participate in **twice-weekly 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.**

Testing in Health Services will be available for our Student Athletes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. during this time frame.

Student Athletes 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](mailto:covidvac@wne.edu) for tracking purposes.

Health Services will be open for walk-in re-entry student athlete surveillance or re-entry testing on:

- Thursday, December 30, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

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

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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 Student Athletes 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.\*\*
- Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

*\*\*note new extended timeframe*

Appointments are not needed, and there is no out-of-pocket cost to faculty, staff, or students.

Student Athletes 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](mailto: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.