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Randomized COVID-19 Sampling Testing

In an ongoing effort to keep our campus safe, the University will implement new Randomized COVID-19 Sampling Testing for all students, faculty, and staff beginning February 15.

Since June of 2020 when testing became available, the University has provided more than 2,400 free COVID-19 tests to our campus community. As a result of everyone's diligence and responsible actions, our campus has been successful at keeping active cases low in number with very limited adverse impact on the campus. But it is critical that we do not let our guard down.

It is very important for the well-being of your classmates and colleagues that you participate in this new testing effort. This new strategy for ongoing, free testing aims to proactively mitigate risk by identifying potentially asymptomatic individuals, who might otherwise unknowingly spread the virus. It includes:

- Weekly, a group of students and employees will be randomly selected to provide an appropriate sample size to assess risk levels.
- Selection will be done randomly within residency groups for students (e.g. Thompson Hall, Campus Village, Greek housing, commuters, etc) and working groups for employees (e.g. University Advancement, Student Affairs, Custodial Services, etc).
- Those selected for testing will be notified via email (Wellness Center will contact students and HR Office will contact employees) later in a given week to schedule testing for early the following week.
- Testing for both students and employees will be conducted on campus by Wellness Center staff or Helix Diagnostics.
- Testing results will be provided to students by the Wellness Center and to employees by the HR Office, normally within two to three business days.
- There will be no impact on access to the campus for those selected for testing, unless of course there is a positive test result for a given individual that requires further action and contact tracing.

Please note: This new, additional testing will not replace existing required testing to be on campus for individuals who are symptomatic, have been identified via contact tracing for potential exposure, or who have traveled to an area with a positivity rate above 10% as defined by the University's [travel policy](#) in the [Safe Campus 2021 guidelines](#).

Spring Term Testing Dates

For the upcoming Spring Term, all students and employees who will be on campus will be required to be tested during the period of April 1-5 and have a

negative test result before being granted access to the campus. Further information, including links to schedule an appointment, will be communicated in the coming weeks.

If you have questions, email welcomedbackbulldogs@kettering.edu.

