

# Testing Programs

## **Screening or Surveillance Testing Program:**

This is the ongoing testing that you take part in regularly. We test people at different frequencies based on where our data indicates there might be more risk. We are currently testing graduate and professional students at least once a month and off-campus undergraduates once a week. We will be announcing an updated testing schedule very soon. Also, noteworthy, this week we will open a second uptown testing location on the first floor of Phelps, so there will be increased availability for uptown appointments.

## **Symptomatic Testing:**

If you are experiencing symptoms that could be COVID-19, testing is available through the Student Health Center. There is a misperception that if you are experiencing symptoms, we will not test you. We will test you through Student Health, you just can't be tested at one of the testing centers. If you are symptomatic, schedule a telehealth visit through the [patient portal](#) on the campus health website. A medical professional will walk you through the steps for being tested for COVID.

## **Testing for close contacts (People in Quarantine):**

If you are the close contact of someone who tests positive, you will not be tested immediately. You may be tested 5-7 days after exposure. The reason for the delay is that there is an incubation period for COVID-19, so if you test right away, the test might not be accurate. A negative test will not end your quarantine. You will still need to quarantine for 14 days from the date of exposure.

## **Testing for someone who has tested positive:**

Individuals who tested positive may continue to test positive for several months after their infectious periods. You will resume the surveillance, and if you continue to test positive, a physician will work directly with you to determine testing frequency.

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