



Required COVID Testing for UW Community Scheduled Aug. 18-22

As a reminder, all University of Wyoming employees who will spend any time on campus this fall are required to be tested for COVID-19 this week, following action by the UW Board of Trustees.

Faculty and staff should have received individual emails directing them to schedule testing appointments **between Wednesday, Aug. 18, and Sunday, Aug. 22**. The saliva samples will be collected 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Crane-Hill Dining Center.

Those who do not follow the testing directive will face disciplinary consequences. The testing requirement applies to **both** vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

The Board of Trustees directed that all employees be tested upon return to the university as part of a plan to proceed with a traditional, in-person fall semester while taking steps to manage COVID-19 amid an increase in cases locally and nationally.

You can expect to receive a response from the COVID Response Team via email within 1 to 2 business days. Those who are part of pools with positive results also will be notified via email and directed to take confirmatory tests.

A much more limited testing program, also for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated, will resume the week of Aug. 30. Under that program, a random sample of 3 percent of the UW community receives emails directing them to be tested on a weekly basis. This diagnostic testing will take place at the Crane-Hill Dining Center as well. Employees can opt out of random-sample testing if they will not be on campus for the week; have been diagnosed with COVID within the last 90 days; or are sick or in quarantine.

Voluntary diagnostic testing will continue to be available to asymptomatic faculty, staff and the public as well.

Additionally, UW requires all faculty and staff who are vaccinated to report it -- to allow the university to track overall vaccination numbers. Additionally, those who report vaccinations become eligible for weekly prize drawings.

A [quick reference guide](#) has been created to help employees report vaccinations within UW's HCM.

More information about UW's COVID-19 response can be found at www.uwyo.edu/campus-return, which is being updated as information becomes available. Those with questions about testing and other COVID-19 issues may call (307) 766-COVID (2683) or email COVID19@uwyo.edu.

Questions specifically about the vaccine should be emailed to COVIDVX@uwyo.edu. A UW vaccine webpage has been established at www.uwyo.edu/alerts/campus-return/vaccination.