Student Testing Plan Fall 2021

Routine surveillance testing will be required for on-campus ECU community members. All students enrolled in face-to-face classes on campus, residing in university sponsored housing, participating in NCAA athletics will be required to participate in surveillance testing. Club Sports and certain high risk exposure academic programs will be subject to COVID19 surveillance testing as a part of the ECU Community Expectations.

• Individuals are in compliance with testing requirements if:
  • Individuals test when required.
  • Have had a documented diagnosis of COVID in the past 90 days: and/or
  • Individuals are fully vaccinated with an FDA emergency use authorized or WHO authorized vaccine.

Testing Schedules
• Non-vaccinated residence hall students who have not been positive for COVID in the past 90 days will be required to participate in ongoing testing. Fifty percent of Campus Living students required to test will be tested weekly. Testing schedules will be communicated to residents through their ECU email account by campus living.
• Random testing of non-vaccinated individuals who have not been positive for COVID in the past 90 days residing off-campus and attending in-person classes will be performed weekly. Individuals will be notified through email that testing is due one week prior to the week their testing is due. This email message will contain where and when testing will be conducted.
  • Messaging about randomized testing- Individuals chosen for randomized testing will receive an email notifying them that it’s their time to test the week prior to testing, the Monday of the week they are to test, the Wednesday of the week of testing, the Friday of testing.
• Athletic testing will be conducted per the American Athletic Conference and NCAA guidance and rules.
• Club sports will test per established testing protocols.
• Individual programs may require testing which will be conducted based on specific program guidelines.

COVID Compliance Notifications
• Students whose 1Cards are deactivated due to noncompliance, once they have tested, will have their 1Cards reactivated within 15 minutes.
• Students will be notified by email (and text if they have opted into testing) once the test results are in and they are complaint.
• Students may login to their myPIRATEchart to see their compliance status which will be displayed with a colored medallion. Students in compliance will have a purple medallion in their myPIRATEchart; noncompliant students will have a red medallion. (once logged into myPIRATEchart click on COVID-19 to see the medallion.)

Consequences of Noncompliance
• Students residing in residence halls will be notified by campus living re: noncompliance and campus living protocols will be followed.
Students residing off campus who do not get tested on the Monday following their scheduled week of testing will have their 1Cards deactivated. Also, their names will be submitted to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities and be subject to sanctions. Students will be notified by email that they are out of compliance and action is being taken.

Testing Locations and Times

There are five testing locations on campus:

- Monday – Thursday at 11:00 -2:00pm (no appointment necessary)
  - West End Dining Hall- Tiffin Room
  - Todd Dining Hall- Sweethearts
  - Croatan – 2nd floor
  - Main Campus Student Center - Room 125
- Health Science Student Center - Student Health Services
  - Tuesday and Thursday 11:00am - 1:00pm (no appointment necessary)
- Friday testing will be available by appointment only at Main Campus Student Health Services by calling 252-328-6841.

*Students are highly encouraged to utilize SHS testing locations. However, if testing is performed through an outside provider, students are responsible for uploading their test results into their myPIRATEchart.

Types of Testing

ECU will primarily conduct saliva testing for surveillance; results will be sent via myPIRATEchart secure message within 24-36 hours.

Saliva testing will be performed Monday – Thursday. On Friday, PCR testing via nasopharyngeal swab will be performed, and students will need to call SHS (252-328-6821) to make an appointment.

Rules for testing

- Individuals should not eat, drink (even water), smoke, vape, chew gum/mints, brush teeth, use mouthwash, or use smokeless tobacco within 30 minutes before the saliva test.

- Individuals should bring their 1Card to the testing site. Students should not participate in surveillance testing if experiencing symptoms. Students experiencing COVID symptoms should contact SHS at 252-328-6841.

Employee Testing

- Random testing of non-vaccinated employees will be performed weekly. Individuals will be notified through email that testing is due one week prior to the week their testing is due. This email message will contain where and when testing will be conducted.
- Once employees have completed their testing and the test has been resulted, employees will then receive a message confirming their participation in surveillance testing from Student
Health Services. It is the employee’s responsibility to submit that documentation to covidemployeetesting@ecu.edu for proof of compliance.

- If an employee chooses to test off-campus, they must also submit their test results to covidemployeetesting@ecu.edu for proof of compliance.
- Non-compliance with the testing process will result in a referral to Human Resources for next steps.
- If an employee needs to update their status (recent vaccination, recent positive test result, etc.) they can email this documentation to HR at employeerelations@ecu.edu to be removed from the surveillance testing process.