

November 30, 2020

Dear all,

I hope that you had a wonderful long weekend, and were able to find some time for yourselves.

As we enter into the Dec and Jan period between semesters, I will write every week or two to share information, touch base, and recognize you and your exceptional work that continues during this time. I know you have been copied on many lengthy emails from many different offices throughout the fall. In response to requests from many of you, this one is written directly to you from me, and will summarize and link to other communications as they come out.

Today I write to share information about the surveillance testing that will take place for those who are coming to campus between Nov 30 - Jan 22. In brief, there will be weekly testing, with assigned days based on your unit. **Below my signature line is a letter from the Notre Dame COVID response unit providing the particulars.**

As I also chair the emotional support and well-being task force, I'll share a tip or tool with you in these letters that you may find interesting, drawing from the database of [resources](#) that the task force compiled. Since we are now entering more uninterrupted days, today may be a good opportunity to [create some healthy habits](#). If you have tips or resources to add to the database, [please submit a suggestion](#).

And as always, please reach out if you have a question or concern. We are here to help.



All the best,

--Laura

Vice President and Associate Provost
Dean of the Graduate School
Professor of Psychology

Information about Surveillance Testing From Nov 30 - Jan 22 from the COVID Response Unit:

As was previously announced, to protect the health and safety of the University of Notre Dame community, COVID-19 saliva surveillance testing will be available during Winter Break, Nov. 30 through Jan. 22, only for faculty, staff and students who reside or work on campus during this period. As was true during the semester, individuals not working on campus over Winter Break are not subject to the University's surveillance testing.

During Winter Break, your faculty, staff, and students who are working or residing on campus must complete a saliva test each week by the end of testing hours on your organization's assigned testing day. Please see the following schedule. If a member of your organization is unable to complete a saliva test on your assigned day, that person should complete a test on another day of that week.

Monday

- University Enterprises and Events
- College of Arts and Letters
- Keough School of Global Affairs

Tuesday

- College of Science
- Notre Dame Research
- Mendoza College of Business
- Hesburgh Libraries

Wednesday

- Student Affairs
- Students living in campus residences
- Facilities Design and Operations
- Other units/divisions not specifically listed

Thursday

- College of Engineering
- Holy Cross Religious
- School of Architecture

Friday

- Campus Safety and University Operations (including CRU)
- Law School
- NOTE: Surveillance testing for in-season student-athletes and the staff working with them is scheduled independently.

IMPORTANT: Avoid eating, drinking (including water), brushing teeth, using mouthwash, chewing gum and tobacco products for at least 60 minutes before submitting saliva.

Location: Joyce Center North Dome - Gate 2

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Closed on University holidays)

As a reminder, over the Winter Break, University Testing Center access for diagnostic testing will be limited to faculty, staff and students with a referral from the Notre Dame Wellness Center or University Health Services (UHS). For those requiring diagnostic testing, the University Testing Center, Wellness Center and UHS will have modified hours and operations over Winter Break. See the revised schedule here. Family members and dependents should seek diagnostic testing in the local community.

From Nov. 30 through Jan. 24, the COVID Response Unit Hotline, 574-634-HERE (4373) or covidresponseunit@nd.edu, will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be closed on University holidays.

Thank you,
Notre Dame COVID Response Unit