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For Everyone

Extending Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing Across 3 Phases (8/12/2020) -

The University of Maine System's three-phase plan includes arrival testing for all students or staff from out-of-state, all residence hall students, and special populations; a second round of testing within 7-10 days for everyone required to have an arrival test; and on-going surveillance testing through individual and wastewater testing.

The University of Maine System is extending planned asymptomatic COVID-19 testing to include a second round of screening for all students or staff arriving from out-of-state, residence hall students, and special populations. The phase two follow up screening will occur 7-10 days after arrival testing and is part of a three-phase surveillance strategy recommended by the [UMS Scientific Advisory Board](#) to lower the risk of disease transmission on campus from asymptomatic carriers.

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can shed from an infected individual during a 2-14 day asymptomatic or presymptomatic period. The recommendation for a second round of baseline screening of asymptomatic community members is intended to identify incidents of infection that may have been undetectable or may have arisen during the initial return to campus and testing period. Each round of testing of out-of-state arrivals, residence hall students, and special populations in phase one and two of the screening strategy involves approximately 12,500 individual tests.

Students and staff required to participate in phase one arrival testing can forgo initial phase one testing on campus by securing an approved COVID-19 PCR diagnostic test within 72 hours of scheduled arrival on campus.

UMaine has published an information video on what students can expect as part of the phase one baseline arrival testing that can be [viewed at this link](#) and this [COVID-19 Testing Guide](#) for students. Similar resources and support are available for students attending each of Maine's public universities.

Phase 3 Monitoring

The University of Maine System will also be conducting further monitoring for the disease following the completion of initial baseline screening at the start of the semester to trace and isolate cases of infection. Monitoring will include additional COVID-19 testing surveillance and symptom tracking.

Wastewater testing will also be used to monitor public health conditions on campuses that are home to 78% of the System's resident hall student population. Campuses with the infrastructure necessary to support wastewater testing include UMaine, UMFK, and USM.

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