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For Everyone

Phase 3 COVID-19 Surveillance and Monitoring To Include Several Rounds of Required Random Sampling and Directed Sampling (9/10/2020) -

Round One Begins On Monday, September 14, 2020: Phase 3 of the University of Maine System's [asymptomatic COVID-19 screening strategy](#) will include several rounds of coronavirus testing. Each testing round will occur over a period of approximately ten days, with the final round expected to conclude the week before the [Thanksgiving break transition to remote instruction](#). The number of rounds and tests may be adjusted, along with other mitigation strategies, based on testing results, statistical modeling from them, and local and state-wide conditions with the ongoing pandemic.

Each round is expected to include 2,000 tests. The number of tests are apportioned to UMS universities based on their percentage of the approximately 22,000 students, faculty, and staff participating in some form of on-campus activity in the Fall 2020 semester.

- Given its location, University of Maine School of Law community members will be tested along with the University of Southern Maine community
- Employees with System-wide responsibilities will be included in testing pools based on their primary work location

1,500 Required Random Tests Per Round: Each round of testing will include a random sampling that requires participation of a percentage of students, faculty, and staff participating in on-campus activities in order for university statisticians to accurately model potential disease prevalence rates across the System. Approximately 80% of the random sampling will involve students to reflect campus demographics and the preponderance of utilization for the fall semester. The remaining 20% of random tests per round will be assigned to University employees.

500 Administrative Tests for Directed Sampling: An additional 500 tests will be available in each round to be used as directed by university leadership. These tests may be used, for example, for additional sampling narrowed to more specific campus populations or programs.

If there is not a need for directed sampling in a round the university's allotment of administrative tests may be reallocated to the required random tests performed.

Identifying and Notifying Testing Participants: University asymptomatic testing teams will identify participants who have been selected at random for each round and provide ample notification of testing times and locations. These notifications will include contact information that students and employees can use to ask questions.

The Role of Community Members: The random testing of a percentage of students, faculty, and staff who participate in on-campus activities will be an important methodology for estimating the prevalence of infection, helping to assess the impact of the University's public health strategies and determine what changes might be necessary to preserve the health and safety of each campus and its surrounding communities.

While the University of Maine System encourages its communities to come together in support of each other and our communal health and safety, published COVID-19 health and safety protocols will continue to be enforced. The University of Maine System's primary focus is on all of us pulling Together for Maine to keep each other safe, and we ask that everyone respect all community members and act responsibly to avoid the need for enforcement.

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