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COVID-19 testing updates and reminders for faculty and staff

KU Faculty and Staff,

Before our drive-up sites for COVID-19 testing begin operating on Friday, we have several important updates to share with you. Please read the following information carefully.

This testing is mandatory for faculty, staff and students who plan to be on the Lawrence and Edwards campuses before Sept. 7. Registrations for appointments are required. If you have not yet set an appointment or received a test, please visit <https://protect.ku.edu/covid-19-testing-information> and sign up soon. Appointments are available through Aug. 21.

If you do not plan to be on campus before Sept. 7, you are not required to receive a test, but you may still sign up if you wish to participate.

Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 on or after June 7 should not set an appointment to be tested again, as they still may test positive for the virus. If this applies to you, you may return to campus at the beginning of the semester without taking another test provided that you have completed the required isolation and quarantine protocols and followed other instructions from health authorities. Those who have previously tested positive on or after June 7 or after who have already signed up for an appointment may cancel that appointment [online](#).

Those who have tested negative for COVID-19 in the past and are planning to return to campus before Sept. 7 should still participate in this round of testing.

On the day of your test

Faculty and staff testing will be conducted at a drive-up site at LMH Health West, near Rock Chalk Park in west Lawrence. KU Edwards Campus employees will receive separate instructions for how to complete their tests.

Remember:

- A mask is required to participate in the testing.
- Do not plan to arrive early for your appointment. Please show up at the scheduled time.
- Do not eat anything, drink anything, smoke or brush your teeth for 30 minutes before your test.
- Please use the [provided maps and driving instructions](#) to reach the site, as entering an address in a GPS location device or service may not take you to the correct site.
- Bring a smartphone to register your test.
- A video demonstrating how to complete the saliva test and other information on preparing for your test is available at <https://protect.ku.edu/covid-19-testing-information>.
- A completed sample will consist of: a registered test, a barcode sticker labeled on the vial, and the vial placed in the provided bag.
- Information regarding any needed weather cancelations will be [posted online](#).

In the days to come, you will receive additional information on how to confirm you have completed this process.

If you have additional questions about the process, please first review the [FAQs posted online](#), as those are being updated as questions arise. Other questions may be directed to protect@ku.edu.