

# Frequently Asked Questions

## *COVID-19 Testing at Agnes Scott College*

### ***How did Agnes Scott formulate the testing strategy that is being used?***

Agnes Scott is following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and the American College Health Association in formulating the most appropriate strategy for campus testing.

### ***When and how often will testing be conducted?***

Students are required to complete entry testing at the beginning of the semester in order to gain access to the campus. Additionally, every two weeks, students living in residence halls and/or requesting access to campus activities and services are required to complete a COVID-19 test. After this initial testing, all students are instructed to track symptoms through the Medicat app. Students will receive green, orange or red icons depending on their symptoms and exposure.

Symptomatic students and their contacts will be tested on an as needed basis.

### ***What type of COVID-19 testing will be conducted on campus?***

Agnes Scott is partnering with Covid Check Colorado to provide testing with PCR tests, which are accurate and do not have a high rate of false negatives as occur with antigen testing.

### ***Will I be charged for getting tested?***

The lab cost itself is billed to the student's insurance. If the student does not have insurance, the cost will be billed to the COVID-19 federal test fund. No student will be charged for this testing.

### ***How is the test performed?***

The test is performed by inserting a nasal swab into the nose. In the future, Covid Check Colorado hopes to offer saliva testing.

### ***What is the point of getting tested if I'm not having any symptoms?***

Since some individuals spread the COVID virus while not having any symptoms, testing of individuals who are not having symptoms is important to locate people on campus who may be spreading Covid while they remain asymptomatic.

### ***How often will I have to be tested if I live in a residence hall?***

To promote a safe and healthy campus environment, all asymptomatic students who live in residence halls are required to have a COVID-19 PCR test every two weeks. Students who are having symptoms will be tested as needed. The testing will take place outside at the Wellness Center.

### ***I live off-campus. Does that mean that I don't have to be tested?***

Testing is required for any student to have access to any on-campus activity, service or program. So, you must be tested in order to utilize the library or the computer lab, for example.

***I just had a Covid test at an off-campus testing site. Can I just provide a copy of that test?***

Only PCR and antigen testing are considered acceptable tests. Antibody tests are not reliable and therefore are not acceptable. Lab documentation of a negative PCR or antigen test within a week of required testing will be accepted, as long as you have not developed symptoms since you took that test. If new symptoms have developed since the test results, the test should be repeated.

***I had a positive Covid test less than 90 days ago. Do I need to continue to be tested?***

If you have had a positive test in the last 90 days then you should not be retested. You should submit proof of your previous diagnosis through the Wellness Center student portal. Lab documentation noting positive results of a PCR test will be accepted.

***As a student, how will I know when I have been scheduled for testing?***

When you are due to be tested, you will receive an email with instructions on how to self-schedule and register at [www.primarybio.com](http://www.primarybio.com). When you come to the Wellness Center to be tested at your scheduled time, as long as you have pre-registered, you don't need to bring anything.

***How long will it take to receive my test results?***

Tests are shipped to the lab at the end of each business day. Typically, PrimaryBio will email or text your test results to you within two to three business days.

***What if my roommate took her test the same day as me and they have received their results but I have not received mine?***

This is not a cause for concern as the lab may not process the tests in the exact order in which the specimens were taken. Make sure that you check the email account that you used to register and be sure to check your spam folder. If you did not consent at the end of the test then this could prevent you from receiving your results. If it has been more than four days since you took your test, please contact the Wellness Center.

***How long will testing take?***

Testing will generally take from 10 to 30 minutes. If you have trouble standing for periods of up to thirty minutes, you will be able to request a chair. If you have other accessibility concerns, please contact [rmorgan@agnesscott.edu](mailto:rmorgan@agnesscott.edu). It is important that you arrive at your scheduled appointment time as this will help manage wait times and will facilitate social distancing. If you do miss your appointment time, it is very important that you call the Wellness Center immediately to reschedule.

***What will happen if I don't come to take my test when scheduled?***

Students who fail to complete initial and twice monthly screening tests will not be allowed on campus and will continue to display a red icon through Medicat. Again, you should call the Wellness Center right away if you are unable to keep your appointment for any reason.

***What do I do if my test comes back with a positive result?***

If you receive a positive test result, you should go directly to your residence hall room. You should avoid contact with others and be sure to **wear a mask at all times**. If you have a roommate, it will be essential that you maintain a distance of six feet between you and your roommate. It is especially important that you avoid anyone who is immune-compromised.

Student Health Services and our student support team will be in contact to provide you with information as to what should happen next and help you determine the best place to isolate.

***I am a minor. Does this have any effect on the testing process?***

If you are under age 18, the College will need your guardian's written or electronic consent. Please check the Wellness Center student portal for the consent form. If your parent or guardian is unable to complete the electronic form, they may download the HIPPA Authorization to Disclose Protected Health Information form and submit it to the Wellness Center. This process only needs to be completed once, so if you completed this process during move-in you do not need to do it again.

***Who has the option to opt out of testing?***

There are several reasons why a student might be allowed to opt out of testing. The reasons include:

- if you have a disability that would preclude you from having the test done,
- if you are currently sick and unable to get to the testing facility,
- if you have been ordered by a public official or health provider to maintain a quarantine or self-isolation
- if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days.

Please note that if you are currently sick, you should contact the Wellness Center to schedule a telehealth appointment.

***What if I don't understand my results or if I have questions?***

Please contact the Wellness Center staff who will review your results with you.