

7/28/21 [AllUnit] COVID Testing Update

Hi everyone,

This is just a reminder that the last day of free unobserved COVID PCR testing is going to be TOMORROW (Friday, July 29). If you'd like to drop off a PCR test kit, you must drop it off before NOON tomorrow in one of the drop boxes (at the Campus Center, Mullins Center, or UHS). Those drop boxes will disappear tomorrow afternoon.

Tomorrow is also the last day to pick up rapid antigen tests and KN95 masks in the lobby of Draper Hall. Pick up what you need for yourself and your household. After tomorrow, rapid antigen tests and KN95 masks will be available in the vending machines in the Campus Center, as long as supplies last.

If you need a PCR test after tomorrow, there will be two options:

1. If you are a close contact of someone who has COVID, or if you have any symptoms (sore throat, congestion, fever, etc.) you can go to UHS and get a PCR test that will be billed to your insurance.
2. If you do not have symptoms and have not been in contact with someone who tested positive – for example, if you are traveling and need a PCR test – you can go to UHS and get a PCR test for a \$25 fee.

The MSP, together with the staff unions, continues to meet regularly with the Director of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S), to talk about wastewater testing, ventilation, monkeypox, vaccines, and other issues that arise. EH&S is preparing an announcement about campus re-opening plans that will be available in a couple of weeks.

In solidarity,

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