SSU COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOL

In keeping with the University's guiding principles to protect public health and continue the University's vital missions of education and student life experiences, this Protocol provides a COVID-19 testing strategy that is focused upon maintaining the health and safety of the campus community.

TESTING PRIORITIES AND POPULATIONS

Priority 1 (individual testing as needed)

Population: Includes individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 and pose the greatest risk of contagion to others.

DEFINITION: An individual is "exposed" if s/he has had contact with another person who tested positive for COVID-19. Contact is defined as a) less than 6 feet apart for greater than 15 minutes (less than 15 minutes if not masked) AND <u>b) the interaction was 2 days or less prior to the onset of the individual's symptoms or positive test results.</u>

1. Individuals who are symptomatic (after monitoring and symptoms appear to be lingering/ worsening).
2. Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 per above local Health Department criteria.
3. Individuals who have traveled to or are arriving from CDC-designated, high-risk locations (local health department guidelines will determine if testing and quarantining is required).

   Because the incubation period for COVID-19 may be 14 days, exposed individuals are encouraged to monitor their health status and seek a test if/when symptoms develop. Those in quarantine who remain well throughout their quarantine period may wish to confirm negative status prior to returning to work/school. Tests to confirm negative status during quarantine are best conducted 2-3 days prior to quarantine end date.

Priority 2 (screening testing as scheduled)

Population: Includes asymptomatic individuals who make up populations that are at a potentially greater risk of exposure due to the high number and frequency of contacts and whose job duties are essential for the continuity of the campus operations.

1. Students
   - Residential students
   - Undergraduate and graduate taking in-person lab classes (especially if working at a health facility)
   - Athletes who are not required to utilize masks or social distance during certain activities · Off campus students residing in high risk locales ([Ohio Level 3 or higher](#)) or other states ([15% or higher positivity rate](#)).

2. Employees
   - Those working onsite with significant public contact
   - Those performing services critical to the continuity of operations (e.g., Student Business Center, Admissions (Recruiters), Student Life, Student Success Center, Career Services, HR, Residential Housing Staff, Facilities)
3. Faculty (Full Time and Part Time)
   - In-person instruction and meeting one-on-one with students or exchanging documents with students with contact less than 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes
   - Those delivering online instruction with on-campus hours
4. Others
   - Staff in offices with infrequent direct contact providing services to other employees or vendors (e.g., Business Offices, Executive Offices, etc.)
   - Commuter students (residing in locales at Level 2 or lower public emergency), on-campus CCP, other campus operational offices

COVID-19 tests performed by the SSU Health Clinic (priority 1 and priority 2) are at no cost to staff, faculty, or students.

TESTING DETAILS

- Location of Testing: Normally testing will be performed at the SSU Health Clinic located at Hatcher Hall, 1001 4th Street, Portsmouth, OH 45662. Other locations may be designated.
- Selection for Screening Testing: The selection of individuals for screening testing does not imply per se that an expectation of the presence of COVID-19 exists for the selected individual or group being tested.
- Schedules for Testing:
  - Drop-by testing is open and requires no prior appointment. Dates/times will be published.
  - Screening Testing: Those invited will be notified of the schedule (dates, times, location) when such testing is to be performed. Notification may be provided through the SSU Health Team, SSU Health Clinic, department manager, or dean, etc. Every effort will be made to provide 24 hours prior notice.
- Repeated Testing: Repeated testing for screening purposes is likely. This is due to the nature of COVID-19 which can present as negative even though the individual is positive. The most reliable results from SSU Health Clinic test kits are from tests performed 5 days from the date of symptom onset. Repeated testing over time improves the chances of identifying positive cases. For these reasons, tests will typically be arranged for each group on a regular schedule (i.e., every 2 weeks, etc.).
- Test Results: The results of a COVID-19 test will be provided to the individual by KDMC through MyChart or phone. If a positive result is realized, the individual will be quarantined in accordance with University protocols (below).

QUARANTINING/ISOLATION

1. Test Quarantine Period: Individuals who are tested for screening purposes, are asymptomatic, and report no direct exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual, will not be required to quarantine pending test results. If an individual is symptomatic or reports direct exposure to a COVID-19 individual, a testing quarantine period will be required (not reporting to work, attending class, or participating in activities). Currently test results are being received the same day but cannot be guaranteed. If a testing quarantine period is required:
   - Students must notify their instructors with documentation of the test-period quarantine to ensure class attendance and course assignments are not impacted.

- Employees must notify their supervisors with documentation of the test period quarantine to arrange remote work assignments. If a remote assignment is not possible due to the nature of the employee's work, s/he will need to contact the HR department for guidance about a leave of absence

2. If test results are positive, the individual may be subject to a 10-day isolation period. In any event, the following applies:
   - At a minimum, a person who tests positive will be isolated 10 days from the time of symptoms onset AND until the person has a sustained 24 consecutive hours with no symptoms and no fever without use of fever reducing medications.

3. The 14-day isolation period applies to asymptomatic exposed persons (who do not subsequently become symptomatic) and travelers from CDC High Risk countries or domestic high-risk locations (Ohio level 3 or higher) and other states (15% or higher positivity rate) even if that individual has a non-positive test

QUARANTINE keeps someone who was exposed to someone who has COVID-19 away from others.

ISOLATION keeps someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms from others including in his/her own home

CASE MANAGEMENT (CONTACT TRACING)

1. The SSU Health Team is available to follow-up with and monitor an individual's health condition if isolating or quarantining. A member of the Health Team can be reached by emailing COVID19@shawnee.edu or calling 740.351.3276.

2. The SSU Health Team monitors all Health Pass data and will contact you based upon your daily inputted health status update.

3. All information provided to the SSU Health Team is confidential and will be maintained in accordance with state health law. Under certain circumstances, SSU Health Team members may be legally required to report information to the local health department and other permissible parties.

4. More Information and Helpful Resources are available in the Bears Return Health & Safety Guidelines.

These guidelines are subject to modification as new information, advisories, or mandates are issued by the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Higher Education, or the local health department, etc.