To: USG Community
From: USG Health and Safety Committee
RE: COVID-19 Protocols for USG Campus - Fall 2022
Date: August 25, 2022

As we welcome everyone back for the 2022-2023 academic year, we would like to share with you the COVID-19-related health and safety guidelines that will be in effect on our campus.

Vaccinations and Testing for COVID-19

Everyone must comply with their home campus health and safety protocols on testing and vaccinations. We strongly encourage everyone to be up-to-date on vaccinations and boosters, and to take a rapid antigen COVID-19 test within 24 hours before returning to campus for the fall semester.

If you test positive, follow all CDC isolation protocols. Information on how to report a positive COVID-19 case or to ask questions about possible exposure can be found on the USG Onward website. There are specific hotline phone numbers, emails and contacts for each institution.

PCR-based COVID-19 tests will be offered on the USG campus by Montgomery County Health and Human Services on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. in room G318 (ground floor) of the Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Building (Building IV). This clinic is also open to the public.

Rapid antigen test kits are available for USG community members free of charge at the IT Service Desk on the second floor of the Kendall Academic Building (Building III).

Masks

As of Monday, August 29, 2022, masks will not be required on campus, including in classrooms, with limited exceptions. Masks are still required in medical settings, such as the dental care facility and the COVID-19 testing clinic. Individuals who are in a COVID-19 protocol due to exposure or a positive test are required to wear masks as dictated by those protocols.

Individuals are encouraged to wear masks indoors as an additional layer of protection against the spread of COVID-19. KN95 masks are available at the security desks in the Kendall Academic Building (Building III) and Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Building (Building IV).

For updates on health and safety guidelines and information, please visit the USG Onward website.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of your fellow members of the USG community. Stay healthy and have a terrific semester!