



To: USG Community  
From: USG Health and Safety Committee  
RE: COVID-19 Testing Clinics at USG and Health and Safety Reminders  
Date: September 13, 2021

We hope all of you are having a great start of the fall semester! Thank you for your diligence in doing your part to help keep our campus community safe during this pandemic. As we are returning to the USG campus for more in-person classes, labs, and other activities, it is important that we all continue to follow public health guidance. Here are some general reminders:

**Five Things You Can Do to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19**

- 1) Wear a mask.
- 2) Wash or sanitize hands frequently.
- 3) Use disinfectant wipes to clean surfaces and work stations.
- 4) Eat outdoors when possible or maintain distance from others while eating or drinking.  
(*Note: Eating is not permitted in classrooms.*)
- 5) If you are experiencing any possible symptoms, please stay home.

It is important to note that faculty, staff, and students from USG's partner universities are to follow their home campus guidelines for vaccinations, COVID-19 testing, and reporting of COVID-19 exposure or positive test. Links to partner campus COVID-19 resources and additional details on USG Health and Safety Guidelines can be found on the [USG Onward website](#).

**New USG COVID-19 Testing Clinic**

On Mondays and Thursdays, USG is now offering saliva-based, PCR COVID-19 tests on campus. This clinic is open to all members of the USG community (USG staff, including contractors working on campus, and university partner staff, faculty, and students).

**Clinic hours:** Mondays from 7:30am - 3pm  
Thursdays from noon - 7pm

**Clinic location:** Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Building (BSE), Room G318 (ground floor)

The primary purpose of these clinic is to provide on-campus testing opportunities for those individuals who are required to have regular COVID-19 testing per their home/main campus health and safety protocols. Secondly, any USG-affiliated individual can get tested, if desired. Tests are provided free of charge and are being processed in partnership with Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services.

Walk-ins are welcome; pre-registration is available via the Montgomery County website: <https://covidtesting.montgomerycountymd.gov/en-US/covid-19-screening/>

For individuals being tested, no food or drink is allowed for 30 minutes prior to the test.

Test results are captured in Montgomery County's system. Individuals will receive test results via secure email or text notifications. These results can be uploaded into university systems as required.

### **Montgomery County COVID-19 Testing Clinic at USG**

USG will also continue to serve as a site for Montgomery County's PCR-based testing clinic every Wednesday from 9am – 6pm, throughout the fall semester. This clinic is open to the public and is free of charge for all. For details on this clinic, visit the county's COVID-19 testing website <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing.html>.

### **Reporting COVID-19 Illness, Exposure or Positive Tests**

Anyone with symptoms that could be indicative of COVID-19 – regardless of vaccination status – must stay home and not come to campus. Students should contact their home campus via the designated hotline if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive (whether symptomatic or asymptomatic), or have come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. The home campus staff will provide guidance and initiate contact tracing, and will reach out to members of the USG community as necessary. Faculty and staff are to contact their primary care providers, as needed, for health care guidance AND must also report any positive case or potential exposure through their home campus designated hotline. USG staff are to contact the UMD HEAL Line, (301) 405-4325 (HEAL). This will initiate a county or campus contact tracing program, which will reach out to members of the USG community, if applicable.