

To: USG Community

From: USG Health and Safety Committee

RE: COVID-19 Protocols for USG Campus - Spring 2023

Date: January 18, 2023

With the start of the spring 2023 semester upon us, we would like to take an opportunity to remind everyone of the COVID-19-related health and safety guidelines that will be in effect on our campus. Remember — we are still contending with COVID-19 while in the midst of cold and flu season. **If you are experiencing any symptoms, stay home** to limit the spread of infections, and test for COVID-19.

## **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 COVID-19 test within 24 hours before returning to campus for the spring semester.

If you test positive, follow all CDC isolation protocols. For information on **how to report a positive COVID-19 case** or to ask questions about possible exposure, visit the Onward page on the USG website.

There are specific hotline phone numbers, emails and contacts for each institution.

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

We will not have PCR-based COVID-19 testing clinics on campus this semester. The last day for the testing clinic is Wednesday, January 25th. Information on Montgomery County testing locations can be found here.

## <u>Masks</u>

Masks are not required on campus at this time. However, masks remain one of the best tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. **Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear masks indoors** as an additional layer of protection. KN95 masks are available at the security desks in Building III and the Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Building (Building IV).

For updates on health and safety information and guidelines, please continue to check the Onward page on the USG website.

Have a healthy and successful semester!