

August 22, 2022

Hello Pitt-Johnstown Students,

The first day of classes is only one week away and many of you will be moving onto campus housing very soon - we are so excited to welcome you all to campus! I am writing with some updates on COVID-19 testing requirements that have changed slightly since my last communication.

As a follow-up to the [CMRO message on August 18](#) there will be no weekly surveillance testing for any campus population.

#### **COVID-19 TESTING**

Here are the basics of the University's COVID-19 testing plans for residential students:

1. All campus residents, regardless of their vaccination status, must complete a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of their arrival on campus. Specific instructions and details on this plan will be communicated by the Office of Housing, Dining & Residence Life in a separate email. The processes for this testing will vary between new students who arrive on Wednesday, August 24, the returning students who will arrive on Sunday, August 28, and the students approved to arrive on Saturday, August 27. New students will do group testing with the assistance of their Residence Life staff and Orientation Leaders as a group activity. Returning students will be given test kits upon check-in.
2. All students are encouraged (but not required) to take a rapid antigen test at home before coming back to Pitt-Johnstown.

#### **MASK REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Masks are optional when Cambria County is in either the Low or Medium community transmission level as outlined by the CDC.
- B. Masks will be required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, if the level is High in Cambria County.

Please visit [www.coronavirus.pitt.edu](http://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu) for complete information on the University of Pittsburgh's COVID-19 guidelines.

#### **MONKEYPOX INFORMATION**

I would like to share some information about what we know so far about the monkeypox virus and what we are doing to respond to it and protect the health and well-being of our campus community. For more information, FAQ's, and University resources on monkeypox, [click here](#).

Thank you,

Christian Stumpf, VP of Student Affairs