

COVID-19 Testing Webinar

Thursday, January 14, 2021 12 Noon

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Introduction



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Housekeeping





If you submitted questions after the Monday, 1/11/2021 5:00 PM deadline, your questions may not be answered during today's webinar



The webinar recording and written answers to all questions will be available at the end of next week including those entered after the Monday deadline



If you have additional questions, please enter them into the Q&A at the bottom of the screen and the CRT will answer with the written questions above

Contact Tracing



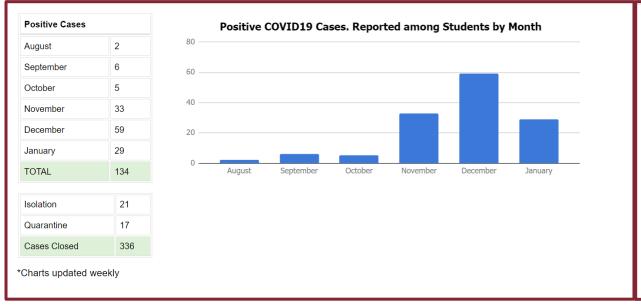
Q: Why are positive cases at WesternU not being reported (in students and employees)? For example, many schools have a dashboard that is updated with # of positive cases (Not asking for who or department). It would help with assuring that the University is keeping their staff safe and would improve communication between the University and its employees.

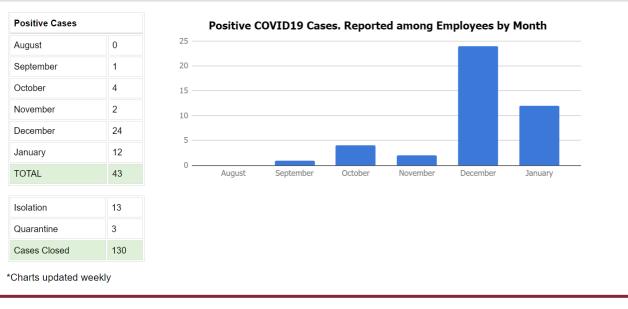
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Student COVID-19 Reporting

Employee COVID-19 Reporting





https://www.westernu.edu/return-to-campus/covid-19-statistics/

Please Note: Cases Closed also includes reported cases that returned negative results.



Q: Is remote learning going to continue in 2021-2022? If so, how many days a week (or which courses) will this be an option/ will it be required to be in person?

Students Clearance for On-campus



Q: Will students coming to campus for essential labs need to be temperature checked before entering buildings?

Students Clearance for On-campus – cont.



Q: What will be the procedure for receiving clearance to come onto campus for guest lecturers?

COVID-19 Testing: General



Q: If a staff member is not scheduled to be on campus on a daily or weekly basis, but would like to come on campus to pick-up something from their office, are they required to take the RT-PCR test?



Q: How many days before coming to campus should the COVID test be performed?



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Q: If we are not from the area to receive the testing on campus, is testing covered by our personal insurance every time we need to do it?



Q: Wouldn't it be more useful to have everyone tested for presence of antibodies to the SARS-2-Cov-19 virus? That would indicate immunity. If someone has a negative PCR test one day, it can become positive the following day or any day thereafter and no one would know it.

COVID-19 Testing: Frequency



Q: Do we need to present a negative COVID test every single time we report to campus?

COVID-19 Testing: Frequency – cont.



Q: If we are from out of the county, do we need to do a COVID test every time before we come on campus ?



Q: If we take a PCR test when asymptomatic, and it is negative, you would think that it will always be negative. But the athletes playing games these days are getting daily testing. The test can turn positive any day and exposure is not always clear. So how is it that you are comfortable admitting people back on campus after only one test done two days before coming to campus for the first time? What about everyday thereafter?



Q: If someone has any symptoms whatsoever, they may get a test but what about asymptomatic carriers through the course of the semester; How will you detect them?

COVID-19 Testing: Results



Q: Who do we send proof of the negative COVID test to?

COVID-19 Testing: Results – cont.



Q: Where will the results of RT-PCR tests be stored to be in HIPAA compliance? How will the results be received by patient?

COVID-19 Vaccine for Students



Q: Is there any information about the vaccines and the timeline/logistics of vaccine distribution to students?

COVID-19 Vaccine for Students – cont.



Q: When will medical students on clinical rotations be receiving the vaccine and how will it be distributed?

COVID-19 Vaccine for Students – cont.



Q: When are Western students expected to have access to the vaccine? In other words, are we grouped in with the general public in terms of having access or are we part of a group that gets earlier access since we're med students? Also, will Western be distributing vaccines to students or should we expect to get them through our own health care providers (if we have private medical insurance outside of the school's)?

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution



Q: With such a limited supply of vaccines would it be best practice to ensure that vulnerable populations get the vaccine prior to low risk populations?

Important Emails



Group/Team Name	Reason to Email	Email Address
Coronavirus Response Team (CRT)	Pandemic-related questions. Please Note: <u>do not</u> email the CRT with any HIPAA protected information.	<u>CRT@westernu.edu</u>
Student/Employee Health Office	Health-related files in compliance with FERPA/HIPAA. Provides information related to health monitoring and clearance. Please use this email to send vaccination records, including records of the COVID- 19 vaccine.	<u>stu-emphealth@westernu.edu</u>
Contact Tracing	Contact tracing-related questions and reporting.	<u>COVIDTracing@westernu.edu</u>
COVID-19 Testing	Sending COVID-19 test results. Please Note: this email is only to submit test results—testing-related questions should be directed to your college/department, the CRT, or Contact Tracing.	Pomona: <u>COVIDTesting@westernu.edu</u> Lebanon: <u>COVIDTesting-Oregon@westernu.edu</u>

