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## COVID-19 Events Protocol

*The University adopted this protocol to be in full compliance with current state and local orders and consistent with existing federal and state guidance. The Provost's Office may issue updated protocols, which become effective upon adoption, to comply with changes in state and local orders, to be consistent with new federal and state guidance, or to adapt to changing conditions on campus. Please watch for updates to these protocols and regularly check the DU COVID-19 [website](#) for news and other important information.*

### **University of Denver COVID-19 Events Protocol**

**All employees and students must follow the COVID-19 requirements set forth below intended to contain the spread of the virus.**

**The University has implemented a [phased approach](#) to returning employees and students to campus and resuming activities on campus in accordance with state and local orders, Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, and University policy and protocols.**

**Please refer to the [DU COVID-19 website](#) for all updates on current policies.**

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- The remaining three tests may be Salivary RT-PCR tests.
- DU will assign students to a testing group, which will determine their testing days each week. For example, Group A would test in week 1 on Monday and Thursday, in week 2 on Sunday and Wednesday, and in week 3 on Saturday and Tuesday.
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- In all cases, individuals will have a 24-hour window on either side of their testing day to complete testing and comply with testing requirements.

DU's testing program includes two collection methods and three test types:

Sample types:

- Nasal -- A mid-turbinate Nasal Swab RT-PCR test collected at the DU testing facility by a trained medical technician
- Saliva -- A saliva-based test collected at various locations on campus

Test types:

- - The gold standard diagnostic test for the virus that causes COVID-19;
  - Required for return to campus at the beginning of each term;
  - Required for the first two tests each term;
  - Required if any other test returns a positive result;
  - Always accepted to meet the scheduled testing requirement;
  - For undergraduates participating in on-campus activities, required at least once every other week; and
  - For graduate students, faculty, and staff participating in on-campus activities required at least once every 6 weeks (see specific variable testing schedule below).
- - Yields a quick estimate of presence/absence of the virus that causes COVID-19;
  - May be used to satisfy testing requirements for student-athletes;
  - May be used for symptomatic individuals for quicker results; and
  - A positive result from a Nasal Swab Antigen test must be followed by a Nasal Swab RT-PCR test, which is the definitive diagnostic test.
- - Uses the same PCR methodology as the gold standard Nasal Swab RT-PCR, but with a more easily collected sample;
  - Returns results more quickly due to on-campus testing capability; and
  - May be used for periodic testing except when Nasal Swab RT-PCR is required (e.g. three of four times in a two-week period for students living in Congregate Housing, every other week for undergraduate students not living in Congregate Housing).

DU will notify individuals of their test results either through the MyHealth portal (all test results, negative and positive, regardless of test type will be viewable here) or pursuant to the [COVID-19 Positive Test or Presumed Positive Response Protocol](#).

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