

**SUMMARY OF COVID TESTING PROTOCOLS
TULANE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
August 11, 2021 Update**

Surveillance Testing

As per Tulane University's most recent COVID testing guidelines, School of Medicine faculty, staff, residents, and students are to continue COVID testing every two weeks until the end of August. Surveillance testing (see *below for testing symptomatic or exposed persons*) is done at the LaSalle Testing Site, located on Villere Street, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 3:30pm. Everyone must bring their most recently issued QR code (received via email from no-reply@lablynx.com) in order to be tested.

Beginning August 23rd, *unvaccinated* individuals will be tested twice a week, along with random testing of vaccinated individuals. A representative sample of vaccinated individuals from across the University will be tested every two weeks, on a rotating basis.

High Risk Exposure COVID Testing

A high-risk exposure is defined as contact with an individual known to be COVID positive for greater than 15 minutes, within six feet of the individual, and during which time either the positive individual or the employee were not both wearing medical masks (also known as surgical masks or medical facemasks), KN95 or N95 respirators.

Individuals who have had a high-risk exposure, as defined above, and who are asymptomatic, must complete a "[Covid-19 Reporting Form](#)" prior to testing. This form can be found at both the [Campus Health](#) and [Tulane Living Well](#) websites. After completing this form individuals can get immediate testing at one of the high-risk exposure/symptomatic testing sites, uptown or downtown (see exact locations below). Regardless of vaccination status, employees should get a second test 5–7 days after exposure. As long as a vaccinated individual remains asymptomatic, quarantining is not necessary. Quarantining is necessary for unvaccinated, non-clinical employees until a second negative test is received. Note that individuals will be contacted by a Tulane contact tracer.

Clinical employees are to follow the testing protocol as described above. Vaccinated and unvaccinated clinical employees who remain asymptomatic, may continue their clinical duties, but must follow individual hospital protocols for exposed health-care providers, including wearing a medical (surgical) facemask while at work.

Clinical employees who work in the hospital or clinic setting should also notify the facility Employee Health department.

Symptomatic COVID Testing

Symptomatic individuals must complete a "[Covid-19 Reporting Form](#)" and call Campus Health (Students) at 504-865-5255 or one of the Employee Wellness clinics (Employees) at 504-988-4325 or 988-8935 for a formal review of symptoms and to schedule testing. Please leave a voice message with your call back information if no one answers. All calls will be returned during the same business day and afterhours calls will be returned the next business day.

Clinical employees who work in the hospital or clinic setting and test positive for COVID-19 should notify the facility Employee Health department.

Locations For High-Risk COVID Exposure and Symptomatic Testing

Testing is done in Hutchinson room #1810 (School of Medicine 1430 Tulane Ave), the "old bookstore", Monday – Friday 1:00pm – 3:30pm *and* at the Uptown Square - Tulane Living Well Clinic (in the parking lot at the rear of the clinic, near River Road) Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Presentation of one's Splash ID card is also required for testing.