UAB and UAB Medicine faculty and staff,

We continue building on our efforts to maintain a safe campus throughout our **gradual campus entry plan** in partnership with the UA System. Among other strategies, COVID-19 testing is being used in consultation with infectious disease and public health experts.

Sentinel Testing

UAB has begun **COVID-19 sentinel testing** — a process that tests a percentage of our population each week — for students, faculty and staff. Sentinel testing is voluntary but highly encouraged. If you receive an invitation, your participation is important to help us promote a safe environment. Sentinel testing is a self-administered nostril swab, not the invasive nasopharyngeal swab.

Campus Entry Testing

Campus entry testing varies from students and university and UAB Medicine employees:

Student Campus Entry Testing

Students returning to campus after August 1 will be required to have a negative COVID-19 test to enter campus for the fall semester. Detailed instructions will be provided. Compliance with these instructions is mandatory to enter campus for the fall semester.

University Faculty and Staff Campus Entry Testing

COVID-19 campus entry testing will be offered to faculty and university staff returning to campus in August, but it is <u>not required</u>. Campus entry testing is a self-administered nostril swab, not the nasopharyngeal swab. Please read the following guidance:

- Any faculty or staff <u>with or without</u> **COVID-19 symptoms** are asked to complete UAB **Healthcheck** and follow instructions for next steps, including for testing (**access Healthcheck on the re-entry website**, **my.uab.edu** or the **UAB app**).
- University faculty and staff <u>without</u> **COVID-19 symptoms** who are returning to campus in August and would like to be tested (<u>not required</u>) will receive instructions at a later time on how to access this testing.
- University faculty and staff who are working remotely will not participate in this campus entry testing and are not included in the randomized list for sentinel testing.
- University faculty and staff who are already on campus (prior to August) and who do not have **COVID-19 symptoms** are included in the sentinel testing process and will not participate in campus entry testing.

UAB Medicine Employees Entry Testing

Please review the following testing guidelines for UAB Medicine employees:

- UAB Medicine employees with or without **COVID-19 symptoms** are encouraged to complete **UAB Healthcheck** and follow instructions for next steps, including for testing (access **Healthcheck on the re-entry website**).
- UAB Medicine employees who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must complete the mandatory Employee Health Symptom and Exposure form available **here** or on **oneuabmedicine.org/coronavirus**.

- UAB Medicine employees who are already working on campus and who do not have **COVID-19 symptoms** are included in the sentinel testing process and will not participate in campus entry testing.
- UAB Medicine employees who are working remotely may be included in the randomized selection for sentinel testing. Participation is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged.

We continue to monitor the pandemic and will communicate updates to plans, resources and guidance. Please read **eReporter** every Tuesday and Friday, and visit **uab.edu/coronavirus**, **uab.edu/reentry**, and **oneuabmedicine.org/coronavirus** for updates and information. You can also access our **July 8 Faculty Town Hall** and the **July 13 Employee Town Hall** for answers to many frequently asked questions. Additional town halls are upcoming:

- Faculty/Instructor Town Hall: Friday, Aug. 7, 12-1 p.m.
- Students/Family Town Hall: Wednesday, Aug. 12, 6-7 p.m.
- Employee Town Hall: Friday, Aug. 14, 12-1 p.m.

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