



Regent Ready: COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Instructions for On-Campus Students

Dear Student,

We are excited to welcome you to campus this August! In order to provide a healthy and safe living and learning environment, the University will be implementing the Regent Ready: COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. A critical component of this plan is COVID-19 testing for all students, faculty, and staff. Every student **must** be tested for COVID-19 before returning to campus.

The University is offering students two different options for testing:

- (1) **On-site testing at Regent University.** During the week of August 16, free COVID-19 testing will be provided to students at drive-thru stations in [parking lot “L” behind the Communication Building](#). Students must provide a valid form of identification to the testing staff on the day of testing. Valid forms of identification include a driver’s license, military ID, state-issued ID, or birth certificate. Testing staff will need to verify the student’s name and date of birth before administering the test.

Please be advised that there is a one-day turnaround time for test results. Students who elect to be tested on-site will need to stay off-campus at their own expense or return home until results are confirmed the following day. Students who do **not** receive a phone call by 2:00 PM the day after testing are clear to move in. Only students who have a positive or inconclusive test result will be contacted by phone to discuss next steps.

Students being tested on-site will follow the move-in schedule below. The schedule for the new incoming students (first year & transfers) will be divided up by building and floor. The Office of Residence Life will send further instructions to students confirming testing and move-in dates.

Move-In Schedule			
Group	Arrive	COVID-19 Test	Move-In
Approved Early Arrivals & Residence Life	Monday, 8/3 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/4 after 2pm
Approved Early Arrivals, Student-Athletes & Campus Ministries	Monday, 8/10 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/11 after 2pm
First ½ New Incoming Students (First-Year & Transfers)	Sunday, 8/16 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/17 after 2pm
Second ½ New Incoming Students (First-Year & Transfers)	Monday, 8/17 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/18 after 2pm
Sophomores (returning)	Wednesday, 8/19 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/20 after 2pm
Juniors (returning)	Thursday, 8/20 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/21 after 2pm
Seniors (returning)	Friday, 8/21 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/22 after 2pm
Graduate students	Friday, 8/21 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/22 after 2pm
Contingency Day	Saturday, 8/22 (after 8am)	8am – 2pm	8/23 after 2pm

- (2) **Independent laboratory testing.** Students may elect to be tested for COVID-19 through their primary care physician, through a local department of health, or at an urgent care facility. Students must provide a negative PCR test result to Regent University prior to arrival on campus. These students can enjoy an expedited move-in experience. Please note: Antigen and antibody test results will NOT be accepted as COVID-19 tests for the purpose of returning to campus.

Students opting for independent laboratory testing must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Students must be tested during the seven (7) day period before coming to campus.
- Students must submit a certified lab test document to Regent *prior* to arrival on campus. Documentation indicating a negative result for COVID-19 must be sent to studentlife@regent.edu from their Regent email account. Documentation can be scanned and emailed, or a student can take a picture of the certified lab document and email it to studentlife@regent.edu. The email must include the student's full name and student ID. To avoid delays, please avoid mailing hard copies. Students will receive a reply indicating whether their submission is acceptable.
- Please note that all test result documentation will be kept confidential and stored securely in Student Services.
- Students who are tested at an independent laboratory and provide proof of a negative test result before arrival at campus may move-in at **9:00 am** on their scheduled move-in date.
- Students may print off this email and provide it as proof of the University's testing requirement.

Upon arrival, all students must sign a Regent University COVID-19 Agreement that outlines expectations for safety, sanitation, and personal conduct. Students already residing in campus housing over the summer or who have been approved for early arrival will receive additional instructions in a separate email.

Family members may assist students during move-in, but they must wear face coverings, practice social distancing where possible, and are subject to screening by University representatives.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Office of Residence Life at studenthousing@regent.edu or (757) 352-4890.

Sincerely,

Office of Residence Life
Regent University

