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Hello, Pitt-Johnstown Resident Students -

Students who will be living in University housing for the fall 2021 term and have not provided proof of a COVID-19 vaccination are required to [shelter in place](#) and have a negative COVID-19 test result to enter University housing. This applies to students who have indicated, “Not vaccinated,” or “I prefer not to answer,” on the disclosure form. Additionally, to participate in on-campus events as soon as possible, students are required to have a negative COVID-19 test 48 hours after arrival. This is to maximize the safety of all our residents.

The University is partnering with [Quest Diagnostics](#) to provide unobserved, self-collected SARS-CoV-2 molecular (PCR) tests to facilitate you meeting these requirements.

As part of our safe return to campus program, students should order **TWO** tests which will be shipped to your permanent address:

1. Prior to arrival: The first test should be taken and returned to Quest on the first day of the seven-day shelter-in-place period prior to travel to campus. The first test kit must be sent via FedEx Monday through Friday. FedEx details will be included in the kit.
2. 48 hours after arrival: **Bring the second test kit** with you to campus when you move in and use it 48 hours after arriving on campus. Quest test kit swabs that are used at a student’s on-campus residence must be dropped in a Quest test kit bin in the **Health Services Office – Student Union G4**. If your second test result is negative, you will be permitted to attend on-campus events wearing a face covering indoors and outdoors, but you should otherwise continue to shelter-in-place for seven days after arrival despite negative test results.

#### How to Order Test Kits

Please [create or log in to your MyQuest account](#) and order TWO test kits to ensure you receive the test kits in advance of your shelter-in-place period. After logging in to your MyQuest Account, please order the first test to be sent to your home address and returned via FedEx. Then immediately order the second test and **bring it with you to campus** to be taken 48 hours after arrival.

Link to order test kits: <https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/pitt-COVID-testing>

If you have errors or need technical assistance, please call Quest at 855-324-7472 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. After hours: 866-MYQUEST (866-697-8378) number and select “patient.”

**Other COVID-19 Tests**

If you have a negative COVID-19 test result from a company other than Quest, please contact student Pitt-Johnstown Health Services ([OHCS@pitt.edu](mailto:OHCS@pitt.edu) or 814-269-7119) to ensure that your results comply with University requirements.

**Importance of the Negative Test Result**

**Do not travel to campus** until you have received a negative test result from the COVID-19 test taken during your shelter in place at home. For the sake of everyone's health, if you do not provide Pitt with your negative test result when you arrive, you will have to move into alternate housing. Please do not come to campus if you feel unwell, even with a negative test, and contact Health Service if you test positive to discuss when it is safe to return to campus.

Students who do not complete the second test 48 hours after arrival and receive a negative result will not be allowed to attend on-campus events during their shelter-in-place period.

Thank you,

Christian Stumpf,  
VP of Student Affairs