

Spring 2022 Return Testing Requirement

Winthrop has a testing requirement for all in-person students unless you have completed full vaccination and voluntarily uploaded that proof to the Mediat Patient Portal. Please do one of the following steps:

If you have completed COVID vaccination, including the 14 days after your second dose (or single Johnson & Johnson shot), you may upload your completed vaccination card to the [Patient Portal](#) instead of testing no later than 48 hours before you are scheduled to return to campus. COVID vaccination is **strongly** encouraged.

- Vaccine cards that only reflect one of a two dose vaccination or that reflect obscured information will not be accepted.
- If you have received a booster, please upload your updated card to the [Patient Portal](#).

Students who will live/learn/work on campus during the spring 2022 semester are **REQUIRED** to:

- Upload a completed vaccination card (see above) to the [Patient Portal](#) no later than 48 hours before returning to campus.
- OR**
- Have a COVID-19 test administered no more than five (5) days* prior to your scheduled check-in date (residential) or first day of classes (commuter).
 - The results must be uploaded **NO LATER** than 48 hours before** your scheduled check-in date to the [Patient Portal](#) showing a negative test result in order to receive your room keys at check-in. Only students with negative results will be permitted to return to campus. If you do not have your test results by your scheduled check-in date, do not come to campus. You will not be permitted to receive your room key. Contact Residence Life at residencelife@winthrop.edu to reschedule your check-in date.
 - Students who are close contacts to a positive case or who test positive **must** remain at home to complete quarantine/isolation and delay arrival.

* If you have tested positive within the 90 days prior to your check-in /date or first in-person date on campus, please upload your positive test result to the [Patient Portal](#) no later than 48 hours before your scheduled check-in or first in-person date for research, employment, practice, or class.

**Testing and Upload Timeframe

Residential Check-In Date	Test no sooner than:	Upload results to Patient Portal
January 6	January 1	January 4 before 5:00pm
January 7	January 2	January 5 before 5:00pm
January 8	January 3	January 6 before 5:00pm
January 9	January 4	January 7 before 10:00am
Commuter Deadline	Test no sooner than:	Upload results to Patient Portal
January 10 (1 st day of class)	January 5	January 8 before 10:00am

Accepted Methods of COVID Testing

The accepted method of testing for students is a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test via nasal, nasopharyngeal, throat, or saliva. Negative antigen tests (rapid) by a provider only (not at home tests) will be accepted as well. Health Services will not accept a positive serological test (antibody).

- If you have a positive test result you will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of your test before coming to campus. Health Services will not require you to be retested before arriving. You must communicate with Health Services at covidreporting@winthrop.edu upon receiving your positive results to discuss your 10-day isolation period. **Please call Health Services at 803/323-2206 with questions.**

Failure to comply with the testing requirement may result in referral to the Dean of Students Office for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.