

Fall 2021 Return Testing Requirement

All in-person students are required to submit a COVID test result before coming to campus. Knowing your status prior to returning to campus is an essential part of risk mitigation for campus safety. Students who are close contacts to a positive case or who test positive **must** remain at home to complete quarantine/isolation and delay arrival. COVID vaccination and wearing a mask are **strongly** encouraged. Proof of full vaccination will be accepted in lieu of testing.

Students living on campus during the fall 2021 semester are REQUIRED to:

- Have a COVID-19 test administered no more than five (5) days* prior to your scheduled move-in date.
- The results must be uploaded NO LATER than 5:00PM 48 hours before your scheduled move-in date to the [Patient Portal](#) showing a negative test result in order to receive your room keys at move-in. Only students with negative results will be permitted to return to campus. If you do not have your test results by your scheduled move-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 move-in date.

Commuter students who plan to attend face-to-face in-person classes or on-campus research/employment during the fall 2021 semester are REQUIRED to:

- Have a COVID-19 test administered no more than five (5) days* prior to the first day of returning to campus.
- Submit documentation of a negative test result no later than 10:00AM on August 21st. Only students with negative results will be permitted to return to campus.

Testing and Upload Timeframe

Residential Move-in Date	Test no sooner than:	Upload results to Patient Portal
August 19	August 14	August 17 <i>before</i> 5:00pm
August 20	August 15	August 18 <i>before</i> 5:00pm
August 21	August 16	August 19 <i>before</i> 5:00pm
August 22	August 17	August 20 <i>before</i> 10:00am
Commuter Deadline	Test no sooner than:	Upload results to Patient Portal
August 23 (1 st day of class)	August 18	August 21 <i>before</i> 10:00am

In lieu of providing a negative test, if you have completed a COVID vaccination, including the 14 days after your second dose (or single Johnson & Johnson shot), you do not need to test. Upload your completed vaccination card to the [Patient Portal](#) as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before you are scheduled to return to campus.

*Students coming in the fall need to have completed their vaccine series by **August 1** to allow for their 2 week immunity period to be completed by 8/15 and meet the compliance submission timeframe. **If you have already completed full COVID vaccination, please upload your vaccination proof now.***

- People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks or longer after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or two weeks or longer after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson/Janssen). This

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guidance can also be applied to COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (e.g., AstraZeneca/Oxford).

- Cards that only reflect one of a two dose vaccination or that reflect obscured information will not be accepted.

** If you have tested positive within the 90 days prior to your move-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 move-in or first in-person date for research, employment, practice, or class.*

Accepted COVID Tests

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 will be accepted as well. Health Services will not accept a positive serological test (antibody).

Plan ahead

Testing

- Find a testing location near you by visiting www.scdhec.gov/findatest or calling 1-855-472-3432. Out-of-state students need to consult their state health department website for permanent and mobile testing locations.

COVID Vaccine

- Vaccines.gov or [SC Vaxlocator](#) will help connect you with locations offering vaccines near your location. In addition to the website, people in the U.S. are also now able to text their ZIP code to 438829 (GETVAX) and 822862 (VACUNA) to find three locations nearby that have vaccines available. *All students coming in the fall need to have completed their vaccine series by **August 1** to have time for their 2 week immunity period (8/15) to have the benefit of full vaccination before fall semester begins.*

Students should quarantine two (2) days before the COVID test (to reduce close contacts if positive) and continue to quarantine after the test until your return to campus to reduce additional exposure.

- *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.*

Only students with negative results will be permitted to return to campus. If Health Services does not have record of your test results by the designated time **48 hours before** your scheduled move-in date, residential students will not be permitted to receive their room key and you will not be permitted to move in until your test results have been uploaded. **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.