

Office of Student Health Services

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INNOVATION FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

Dear UNE Community,

In order to gain a deeper understanding of the presence of the coronavirus on our campuses in an effort to mitigate community transmission, UNE will augment its current campus safety measures described in the UNE Onward Plan by launching a new surveillance testing program on Monday, Jan. 25, which will consist of regularly scheduled, voluntary COVID-19 testing of our on-campus student and employee populations.

Those employees who have been identified as having a higher risk of coming into contact with a COVID positive person will be invited to test on a weekly basis.

On-campus undergraduate and graduate students and a cross section of employees will also be invited to participate in regular surveillance testing. These individuals will be randomly assigned to one of a number of testing cohorts, each of which will be offered COVID-19 tests every four to five weeks.

These students and employees will be informed via a forthcoming email of their cohort assignment and will receive additional information about the testing process and how to schedule an appointment. Questions about this process should be directed to HR-COVID19Questions@une.edu (employees) or onward@une.edu (students).

As with the implementation of the larger UNE Onward plan, the processes involved in this undertaking are fluid, and we will likely make adjustments as we proceed. We know we must remain vigilant in our efforts to have another successful semester even as the new vaccines become more widely available. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Best regards,

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