COVID-19 Testing Results Update, Free Local Testing Offered

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Surveillance testing of the campus community is being conducted throughout the semester. Testing data is among the several key COVID-19 indicators the University is monitoring to determine the raising or lowering of our institutional recovery response levels.

TESTING DASHBOARD

Updated Sept. 8, 2020 – data will be updated regularly

Validated results reported in the table below includes surveillance testing (general and athletics), Brady Health Center testing of individuals showing symptoms, and verified results from other sources that are uploaded to the University's portal.

Results from Aug. 23-Sept. 5, 2020

NEGATIVE TESTS	POSITIVE TESTS	TOTAL VALIDATED TEST RESULTS
626	6	632
99.05%	**0.95%**	**100.00%**

Important Notes:

INDIVIDUALS WITH POSITIVE RESULTS: All individuals with positive tests are immediately called by a healthcare professional and contract tracing by the Allegany Health Department begins. They are required to quarantine away from campus. Read detailed information about Return to Class and Return to Work guidance.

INDIVIDUALS NOT TESTED: Nearly 1,200 students in online-only programs as well as an additional number of employees who will continue to work remotely and will not visit campus and students who moved to online-only classes for just this semester and will not visit campus will not be tested.

IDENTIFICATION: To protect individuals' private health information, FSU will not identify anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.

SURVEILLANCE TESTING: Throughout the semester, the University will conduct surveillance testing of non-symptomatic individuals. Officials will closely monitor these results to determine possible further action.

MONITORING: Additionally, all FSU students, faculty and staff participate in daily self-symptom monitoring by visiting https://www.frostburg.edu/checkin. Visitors to campus are required to attest that they are free of COVID-19 symptoms.

FROM THE ALLEGANY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

FREE DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 TESTING AT THE ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department will offer free drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the [Allegany County Fairgrounds](#) on **Wednesday, September 9 from 1 PM to 6 PM.** Participants are asked to bring a driver's license or other ID that shows their name, address, and date of birth. Participants do not need an appointment, a doctor's order, or an insurance card.
The drive-thru model is an easy way for individuals to get a COVID-19 test with minimal contact. When a vehicle drives in, all patients will remain in the vehicle and a nurse will swab each patient's throat. All patients must be in a vehicle. Patients cannot walk into the clinic site.
Nurses will use throat swabs which some patients find more comfortable than nasopharyngeal swabs. After the nurse collects the specimen, it will be sent to the Maryland Public Health Laboratory in Baltimore. A PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test will be used to detect COVID-19 infection.
 Antibody testing will not be offered at the drive-thru testing events.
Results of the COVID-19 test can be expected in 2-5 days. Patients who test positive for COVID-19 will receive a phone call from the Health Department. Patients who test negative will not be contacted, but can call the Health Department to confirm their negative result.
The drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinic will be held rain or shine. Testing will be conducted under the Ag Expo Pavilion at the Allegany County Fairgrounds which is sheltered from the rain.
For more information, please call the Allegany County Health Department at 301-759-5000.