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AAMU Parents and Family Members Learn about GuideSafe COVID-19 Testing

Huntsville, Ala. ---- Alabama A&M University is participating in [GuideSafe™ Testing](#), a program that provides free COVID-19 testing for every college student attending a public 4-year or 2-year college in the state before entering campus, according to Dr. Gary Crosby, AAMU's vice president for student affairs.

The ability to test every student within 14 days of entry to Alabama college campuses helps maintain a safe environment and slow the spread of COVID-19. AAMU students will receive information about GuideSafe™ Testing via email on how and when to take the COVID-19 test. Parents are receiving the same information to help guide their student(s) through the process to ensure full preparation to come to campus this fall.

Testing for AAMU will begin by August 5. Students must have a negative test within their 14-day window of coming on AAMU's campus, along with completing the appropriate safety training and enrolling in [Healthcheck](#).

GuideSafe™ Onsite Testing Process:

- A&M students will receive an email from GuideSafe™ Testing or Stay Safe Together Testing with a link to register online for testing. Students should look for and promptly complete the instructions in the email.
- After registration and system verification, each student will schedule an appointment at an approved testing site on the day and time of choosing. [Click here for a full list of testing sites.](#)
- A confirmation email with the testing appointment and instructions of what to bring and information about what to expect with sample collection will be sent to each student.
- Each student will receive an appointment reminder via email.
- Each student who arrives at the testing site should present the confirmation email and identification. The confirmation email can be shown via phone.
- After identity verification, the student will complete the sample collection under observation at the testing site.

- The sample is transported by the testing site to the testing lab and run within 24 hours.
- The testing lab reports the test result to the student, the student's state department of public health, GuideSafe™ Testing and Alabama A&M University.
- If the student's results are positive, then that student will need to contact Student Health Services for follow-up care and clearance prior to entering campus.
- If the student's results are negative, then he or she is "clear" to enter campus.

How Parents/Family Members Can Help:

- Encourage your student to check their email daily for updates
- Ensure your student has completed the necessary steps to come to campus. For a full checklist for your student's entry to campus, [click here](#).
- Encourage your student to follow safety protocols on- and off-campus, including wearing a mask, washing hands often and practicing social distancing. For more information on GuideSafe™ Testing and frequently asked questions, visit www.guidesafe.org/testing.

In addition to the comprehensive entry testing in higher education, GuideSafe™ Testing will soon offer sentinel testing on college campuses. Sentinel testing a percentage of a population can help signal trends, identify outbreaks, and monitor the prevalence of COVID-19 on college campuses across Alabama.

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