

Alabama A&M University COVID-19 Testing for Students

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Dear Students:

To promote health and safety on campus as part of our comprehensive entry planning, all Alabama A&M University students residing on campus or coming to campus for classes are required to be tested for COVID-19. All students will receive a free COVID-19 test through **Stay Safe Together™**, supported by the CARES Act funding through the State of Alabama.

Within 14 days prior to coming to campus, students must undergo COVID-19 testing. **You will receive an e-mail within the next few days from testing@staysafetogether.org about accessing your COVID-19 test.** Please look for and promptly complete the instructions in the e-mail. The test involves a nasal swab just inside the nostril. This method is easy to self-administer and less invasive than the nasopharyngeal swab you may have seen as another sample collection method.

Students who test negative will be permitted to return to campus. Those who test positive **MUST** have medical clearance from a health care provider after a 14-day quarantine in order to return for classes and residence hall move-in. COVID-19 positive students must send medical clearance to the Student Health and Counseling Center via email (studenthealth@aamu.edu) prior to returning.

Our ability to test every student entering campus this fall will go a long way in helping us maintain a safe environment. To maintain a safe environment on our campus, testing will supplement other strategies such as face coverings, physical distancing, and daily symptom and exposure self-reporting.

I will provide additional information over the next week. In the interim, please contact the Student Health and Counseling Center via email (studenthealth@aamu.edu) or phone (256-372-4738 or 256-425-4201) should you have questions.

Stay well!

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