



Fall 2020 COVID-19 Re-entry Testing

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Oakwood University has established health protocols that are in line with CDC recommendations/guidelines for Institutions for Higher Education (IHE) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). Students must undergo COVID-19 testing before arriving to campus and email results to ouhs@oakwood.edu. Those who test negative will be permitted to return. Those who test positive must have medical clearance from a health care provider after quarantine to enter campus (see OU COVID-19 Student Re-entry Health Protocols for details). To promote health and safety on campus as part of our comprehensive re-entry planning, all Oakwood University students coming to campus for the fall semester will receive a free COVID-19 test through **Stay Safe Together™**, supported by the CARES Act funding through the State of Alabama within the first 1-14 days of return.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 12 weeks, please do not re-test at this time. Instead, provide Oakwood University a copy of your medical clearance from a health care provider to return to campus. Consult Oakwood University's Health Services for specific instructions.

You will receive an e-mail (Oakwood University email address) within the next few days from testing@staysafetogether.org about accessing your free 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, which is easy to self-administer and less invasive than the nasopharyngeal swab you may have seen as another sample collection method. Our ability to test every student entering campus this fall will go a long way in helping us maintain a safe environment. On a weekly basis, Oakwood University will randomly select a sample of its faculty, staff, and student population to participate in Sentinel testing. Sentinel testing will supplement other strategies to maintain a safe environment, like face coverings and physical distancing as well as daily symptom and exposure reporting.

Oakwood University students age 19 and under will need parental consent before you can schedule your testing dates. **Students, please have your parents complete and virtually sign the three consent forms [located here](#).**

For more information please call 256-726-7840 or email at ouhs@oakwood.edu

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