



# Screen. Test. Protect.

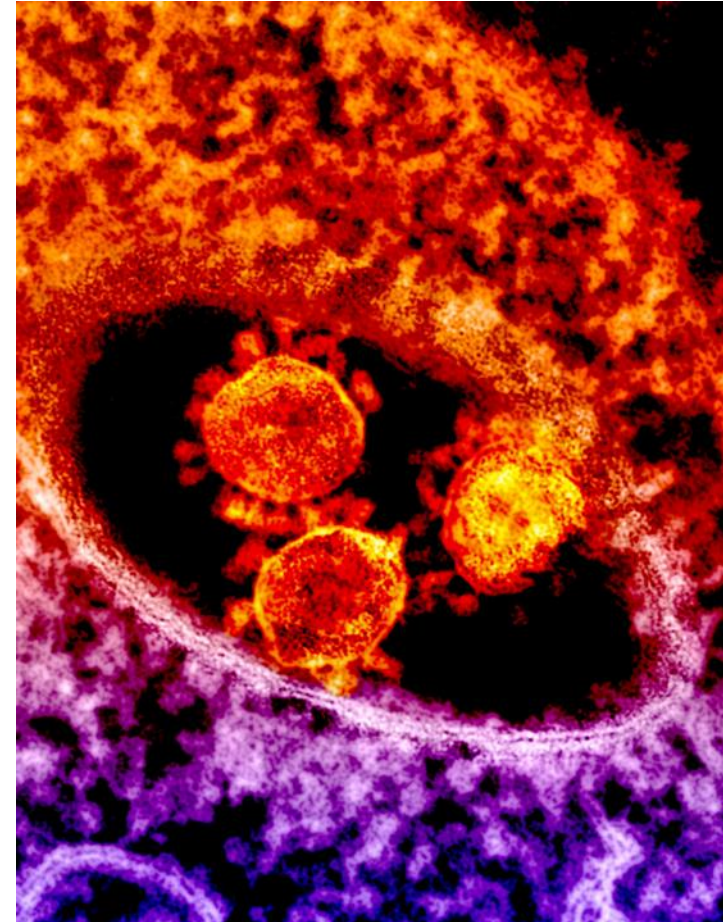
UF HEALTH SCREEN, TEST & PROTECT

Promoting the safest possible return and continuation of work and school for UF faculty, staff and students by developing a unified, coordinated, evidence-based program

- Our approach to controlling COVID on campus has allowed the university to continue its three-part mission of education, research, and service.
- We have continued to learn as well as build capacity in terms of testing, contact tracing, and policy implementation.
- We now have more tools in terms of capacity and experience as we head into the holidays and the Spring Semester.



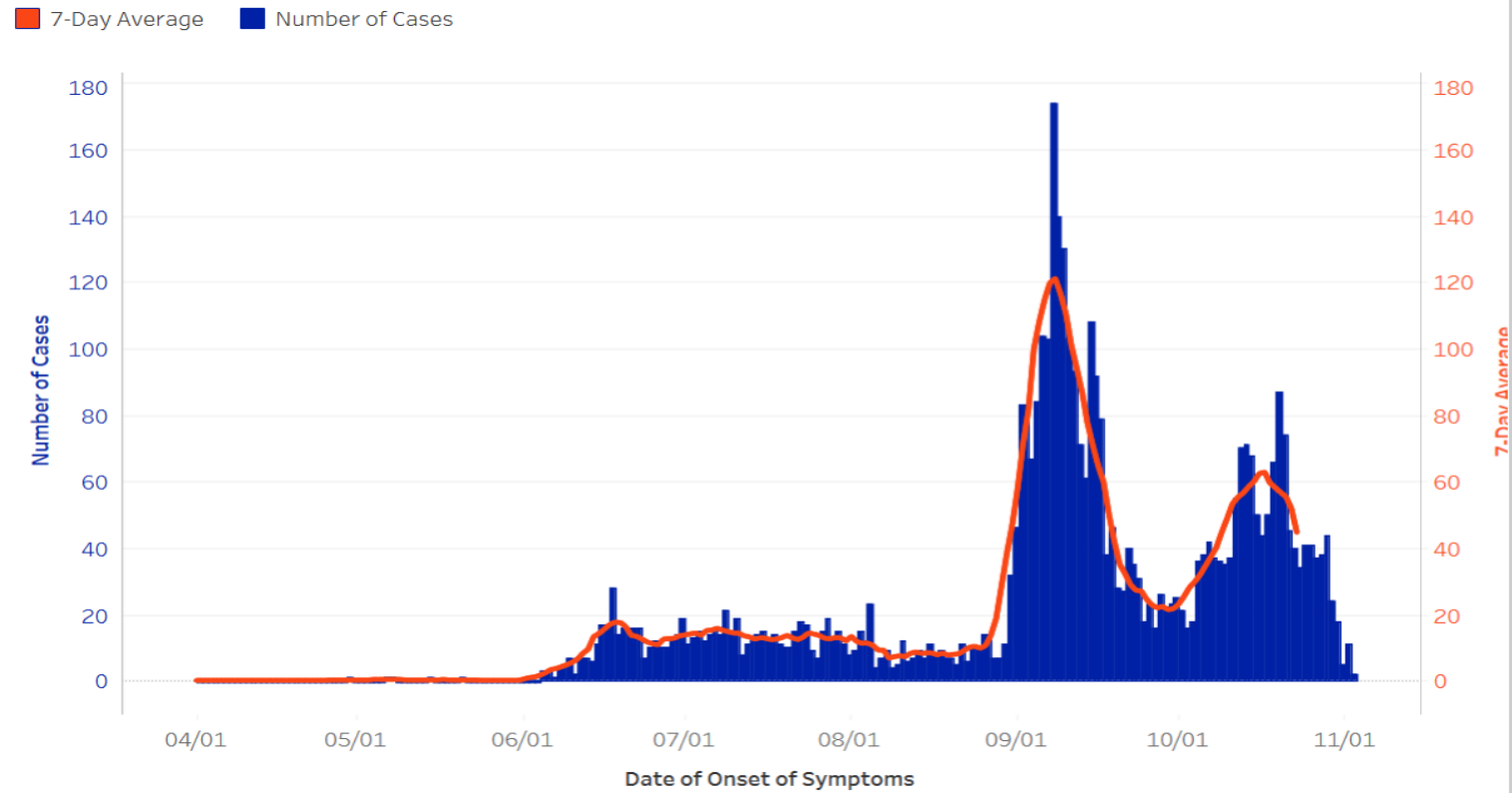
- Surveillance testing (adding mandatory targeted groups),
- Symptom screening questionnaire
- Targeted testing,
- Wastewater epidemiology,
- Disease investigation/contact tracing,
- Data management, and
- Operational surveillance studies.



# Epidemiologic Curve COVID-19 on Campus

## Affiliate and Contact Tracing

UF-Affiliated Cases by Date of Onset of Symptoms, April 2020 - Present



Proposal

# Proposal Spring Semester 2021

We propose mandatory testing all students in:

- Residence halls,
- Greek Life,
- ROTC, and
- Face-to-face classroom instruction

for the first three incubation periods of the semester (6 weeks) and then reducing the testing frequency if positivity rates drop to 3% or less.



# Spring Semester Proposal Continued

- Testing will be available to faculty and staff involved in face-to-face classes as well on a voluntary basis.
- Exclusion: anyone who has tested positive within the preceding 90 days through UF Health.
- Enforcement will be in the form of being “not cleared” for campus if a student does not test within 48 hours of the two-week mark since their last UF Health test.
- Students will remain with “clear for campus” status while waiting for their surveillance test result.
- All testing will be saliva based.



# Justification and Rationale



# Justification and Rationale Need for Adding Surveillance

- There are four main reasons for adding surveillance testing for the spring semester.
  - These are the need for preventing outbreaks rather than reacting to them,
  - a change in attitudes towards COVID-19 among some at-risk student groups and others,
  - increased face-to-face classroom instruction,
  - and increased testing capacity.

- **We will go with mandatory testing of higher risk groups identified from our experience in the fall.**

*Fall Positivity Rate in Parentheses*

- Greek life students (26%),
  - ROTC (21%),
  - Students in residence halls (8%),
  - Students in face-to-face classrooms (6%).
- This compares to a positivity rate of 3% to less than 1% for all other members of the UF community.

- Cooler temperatures and increased indoor activities and current trends in cooler climates
- COVID fatigue
- Faculty resistance to face-to-face instruction
- Testing capacity and logistics
  
- Vaccines!!

# Summary

# Mission

## UF Health Screen, Test & Vaccinate Program

### Mission:

To promote the safest possible return to normal for UF faculty, staff and students in the face of an unprecedented pandemic by maintaining a coordinated evidence-based program including testing, contact tracing, and vaccination.