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

Number of Cases

Date of Onset of Symptoms

04/01 05/01 06/01 07/01 08/01 09/01 10/01 11/01

7-Day Average Number of Cases

0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180

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Proposal
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.
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
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:

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.