

COVID-19 Testing Fact Sheet for Students & Families

How will the testing process work during the semester?

Husson University has continued its contract with the Broad Institute in Boston to provide testing materials and services for students who are taking in-person courses on our Bangor campus. The COVID-19 tests are administered on campus to the appropriate student population. The Institute then provides an analysis of the tests. Our testing is designed to help identify asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19 and to monitor the current state of the pandemic. This type of test is self-administered by the student, by swabbing inside one's nostril, while observed by trained personnel.

Unvaccinated students are required to participate in weekly testing. Vaccinated students will not need to participate. Testing is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This year, there will be no need to make an appointment in advance. All students who need to be tested can visit the testing center on a walk-in basis.

What is symptomatic testing?

Symptomatic testing is reserved for those who are showing symptoms of COVID-19. Students who feel they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should call the Wellness Center for assessment by a trained healthcare professional. Do not go to the walk-in clinic and risk infecting others before speaking with the Wellness Center. We have developed a process that begins with a phone assessment so we can prepare for an in-person visit, if that's deemed necessary by our medical staff.

What do the tests cost?

COVID-19 tests are being made available to students at no charge.

What is a positive COVID test result?

It means you currently have, or recently had the virus.

What does "asymptomatic" mean?

Someone who is asymptomatic is a person who has the infection but is not showing any symptoms and will not develop them later.

What is quarantine?

Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who may have been exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. Being quarantined does not mean that you have contracted COVID-19. It means that you are currently being separated from the campus community while we await more information.

What happens if a student is placed in quarantine?

When a student is quarantined on campus, they will be required to stay in their room/residence with the understanding that they can only leave to utilize the restroom for personal care or to attend medical appointments. Meals will be delivered to students living on campus. The students' academic advisors will work with the affected individuals to ensure they can continue to pursue their education online. The Center for Student Success is also available to any student who may need additional academic support.

What happens if a student has a roommate?

Roommates may be quarantined together, if they were both potentially exposed to COVID-19.

What is isolation?

Isolation is the complete separation from others of a person suffering from a contagious or infectious disease.

What happens if a student is placed in isolation?

If a student residing on campus tests positive for COVID-19, they will be placed in isolation. Isolation means that the residential student must remain in their assigned isolation space at all times unless scheduled to receive medical care. Students are required to call the Wellness Center twice daily to report symptoms. If they do not call, staff at the Wellness Center will call the student. If we cannot reach the student, Husson University will send Safety and Security Officers to check on the student's welfare. Students who have tested positive may be placed in isolation with another person who has also tested positive for COVID-19.

Do I have to test if I have previously tested positive for COVID-19?

You would not have to test again for up to 90 days. Data from the CDC states low levels of the COVID-19 virus may stay in a person's system for up to three months. For more information [visit the CDC website](#).

How will test results be reported?

Broad Laboratories and/or the Husson Wellness Center will notify students of their results via email and/or telephone, depending upon results.

Off-campus tests are not reported to Husson University unless the student notifies us directly.

Will test results be reported to the Maine CDC?

The Broad Institute or Northern Light Laboratory/Affiliated Laboratories, Inc. or the Maine State Laboratory, as the reading laboratories, will be reporting positive test results to the State of Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additionally, the Wellness Center will report all positive results to Maine CDC. The larger Husson community will be able track positive and negative results via the [dashboard](#) found on Husson University's website.

What is contact tracing?

It's the tool used to slow the spread of COVID-19. Contact tracing helps protect you, your family, and your community by letting people know they may have been exposed to the coronavirus and should monitor their health for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Will a tracer contact a student if they had direct contact with a positive case and need to quarantine?

Contact tracing begins when a student is tested and presumed positive. A contact tracer will be assigned to each individual presumed to have COVID-19 and will maintain contact with this individual until the person is cleared to reenter the campus community. Husson University will participate in the initial contact tracing work and contact affected students. Once the Maine CDC becomes involved, tracing activities will be turned over to the agency. Contact tracers will work with the individual to help them recall everyone with whom they have had direct contact when they might have been infectious, including roommates. We will not disclose who the individual is that tested positive when notifying potential contacts.

What is a direct contact?

As defined for COVID-19 by the CDC: a **direct contact** is any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, two days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

How does the COVID-19 dashboard work?

The COVID-19 dashboard for the 2021-2022 academic year will be a more streamlined version of last year's dashboard. Starting on August 9, we will be updating the dashboard on a weekly basis. In addition, the dashboard will use tables to report data. Every week, the following statistics will be updated on our dashboard:

- The total percentage of the Husson University campus community that has been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- The total number of student tests and employee tests that came back positive for COVID-19.

Similar to last semester, the dashboard can be found at husson.edu/return-to-campus/dashboard.

Is the Wellness Center open for students?

The Wellness Center will have new hours during the coming semester:

- **Monday:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Thursday:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Friday:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

After hours, there is a Convenient MD Urgent Care facility at 543 Broadway in Bangor, approximately 1 mile from campus (207.922.1300), open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. No appointments are necessary. St. Joseph's Hospital, open 24 hours a day, is located at 360 Broadway (207.907.1000).

For additional questions, visit these websites:

- husson.edu/return-to-campus
- maine.gov/governor/mills/official_documents
- maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/faqs

Or contact:

- COVID Information Line: **207.992.1919**
- Student Health Services: **207.941.7625**
studenthealth@husson.edu
- Student Counseling Services: **207.941.7625**
counseling@husson.edu
- Center for Student Success: **207.992.1934**
studentsuccess@husson.edu