



Dear Students,

Based on the decision to delay the start of the academic year until January 24<sup>th</sup>, there are significant changes to the dates for submission of your negative COVID-19 entry test. Again, we thank you for your perseverance, patience, and dedication to keep our campus community safe during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic.

We are aware that both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals can acquire and transmit COVID. Nonetheless, scientists tell us that vaccination and booster vaccines when eligible remain the best protection against serious COVID-19 infection, whether or not one has had COVID-19 in the past. Having had COVID-19 once does not fully protect a person from contracting and spreading COVID-19 again.

**For Spring 2022 return, the College will require a negative COVID-19 test for all students, faculty and staff regardless of one's vaccine status. Likewise, our COVID-19 protocols for isolation, quarantine and testing have been updated based on current CDC, PA DOH, and local public health recommendations. [Check the webpage under COVID-19 Info for details.](#)**

These decisions were based on careful review and analysis by Senior Cabinet after consultation with our emergency management team and COVID-19 task force.

- You **MUST** have a COVID-19 test performed and submit the negative result in the 3-5 days prior to your first day on campus. You can check for testing options in your home area such as CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Rite Aid, or through your medical provider.
- If you have tested positive after October 24th, you do not need to submit an entry COVID-19 test. A PCR test may remain positive up to 90 days. Please send a copy of your positive test result to [covidtestresults@kings.edu](mailto:covidtestresults@kings.edu) if you have not done so already.
- Mail in or home tests will be accepted but must clearly show the student's name, date of test, and test result. For self-tests, document your personal data on a sheet next to the test and take a photo with all information clearly visible. Submission of falsified records will be deemed a violation of the conduct code, and dealt with accordingly.
- Unless otherwise directed due to early arrival, you should obtain your test and submit the results between January 19 - January 23, 2022. A rapid antigen test or a PCR will be accepted. The test results should be immediately emailed to [covidtestresults@kings.edu](mailto:covidtestresults@kings.edu).

If your entry COVID-19 test result is positive, you should **NOT** come to campus.

- Students must notify [reslife@kings.edu](mailto:reslife@kings.edu), [studenthealth@kings.edu](mailto:studenthealth@kings.edu), and [studentaffairs@kings.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@kings.edu). We will provide detailed instructions. You should isolate at home prior to your arrival on campus and contact your medical provider if needed.

Please take note of continued campus protocols:

- Indoor mask requirement for students, faculty, staff and visitors will remain in place.

- Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated members of the campus community will be required to undergo scheduled weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing. Fully vaccinated means that two weeks have passed since your final dose of the vaccine. Pfizer and Moderna are a two-dose vaccine. Johnson & Johnson is a one dose vaccine.
- Random surveillance of vaccinated individuals may ensue during the spring semester based on the current COVID-19 conditions and guidelines.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is required to isolate, regardless of vaccination status.
- Unvaccinated individuals and vaccinated individuals who are eligible for but have not received a booster vaccine are required to quarantine when identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive person.

If you have already been vaccinated or received a new booster and did not yet do so, please upload your documentation at <https:kingscollege.studenthealthportal.com>.

If you have additional questions, please email [studenthealth@kings.edu](mailto:studenthealth@kings.edu). Our COVID-19 webpage and FAQ's will be updated in the next few days. We appreciate your flexibility, patience and support as we continue to ride the waves of COVID-19 together. We promote and advocate for obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine and booster since this remains our greatest tool in mitigating severe and life threatening COVID-19 illness. Our hope is that 2022 brings peace, joy, and a sense of shared purpose as we work together dedicated to serve one another.

Blessings and best wishes to you and your families,

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