

Testing for COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)

This policy provides the logistical framework for SARS-CoV-2 viral testing conducted by William Jewell College or at the request of the College for the 2020-2021 academic year.

When testing is needed

William Jewell College will provide testing for students and faculty/staff in the following occurrences:

- [Individuals with COVID-19](#) symptoms as identified by the Student Health Center.
 - Individuals experiencing [emergency warning signs](#) should call 911. This would require a visit to an emergency medical facility immediately. This includes trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face.
 - Telehealth with the [Student Health Center may be available after hours](#) in certain circumstances to determine if immediate action or next day appointment is necessary.
- Asymptomatic individuals with recent exposure to COVID-19 should visit the Student Health Center, or a local medical professional, for determination if a test is required.
 - Includes confirmed exposure as part of containment by the College
 - Includes unconfirmed exposure off-campus, for example if exposed at an off-campus place of employment.
- Students participating in the following activities are exceptions to our facial covering policy. These students will be tested periodically.
 - Team physical exercise, athletic practices and weight training, and athletic performances in which distancing is difficult and facial coverings are not advised.
 - Ensembles, rehearsals, and vocal or theatrical productions (performers only)

All students are strongly recommended to be tested for COVID-19 72 hours before fall move-in to Jewell.

Where testing will occur

Preventive testing of asymptomatic students, faculty and staff with no known exposure to COVID-19 should occur at the Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC) testing site (temporarily at no cost). An appointment may be scheduled with [CCPHC](#).

Testing of symptomatic individuals or asymptomatic individuals with recent exposure will occur at the Student Health Center or at Liberty Hospital as directed by the Student Health Center depending on severity. Individuals directed to Liberty Hospital by the College will not incur the cost of the test.

The testing site of students participating in an approved activity above is to be determined.

What type of testing will be administered

Because tests continue to evolve, we are unable to state the type of test to be administered. The College will attempt to administer a test that will provide the most timely and accurate results so that we may quickly inform our community as to any potential exposure and/or containment efforts.

If you believe you have COVID-19

Please notify the Student Health Center or your medical provider by phone at the first sign of symptoms. Individuals experiencing [emergency warning signs](#) should call 911. Individuals should [quarantine](#) until evaluation has occurred and you are cleared to return to campus activities.