Testing

Where to get self-tests

Benefits Coverage

Cornell's health plans cover Over the Counter (OTC) testing to detect and/or diagnose COVID-19. [Find out more.](#)

Campus Antigen Test Kits

Employees may obtain antigen test kits during operating hours at [designated campus locations](#).

With broad availability of [antigen tests](#) – which are effective at detecting infection at high viral levels, when people are most infectious – Cornell discontinued supplemental PCR (nasal/saliva) testing sites on Aug. 31, 2022. Antigen test kits are available at a variety of [campus locations](#) to all faculty and staff, who are encouraged to test following travel, attendance at large gatherings, illness or potential exposure.

Presenting Symptoms

Employees experiencing [symptoms consistent with COVID-19](#) should test immediately with an [at-home test](#). Antigen test kits are available at local retailers and pharmacies as well as a variety of [campus locations](#). If symptomatic and scheduled to work, employees must complete the [Daily Check](#) health assessment and will not be required to use their leave accruals (HAP or vacation) until the test results are received.

[Complete the Daily Check](#)

Positive Test Result

If an employee has tested positive they should use the “Your Self-Reported Results” on [Daily Check](#) to upload positive results. They will be directed to [isolate according to CDC guidelines](#) and provided instructions on how to log time away in Workday.

[Report Positive Test Results](#)

Negative Test Result

If results are negative, and symptoms are determined to be not COVID-19 related, employees may return to work. If they continue to feel unwell, though not due to COVID-19, they may use accrued time until they are well and able to return to work.