Testing

Where to get self-tests:

Symptomatic test kits
- Campus pick-up locations & instructions

Over-the-counter (OTC) test coverage
- Benefits coverage & free government test kits

Daily Check

Cornell faculty and staff will continue to get a daily email reminding them to conduct a symptom assessment however, you will only need to complete the Daily Check health assessment if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Students are not required to complete the Daily Check at this time. It is important, though, to be mindful of how you are feeling. If you are ill, do not come to campus (unless to pick up a symptomatic test kit at a campus drive-up location). Instead, take steps to seek care with your primary care physician. Students may also seek care with Cornell Health.

The Daily Check portal also remains an important tool to upload proof of booster vaccination, schedule supplemental tests, self-report positive tests, and access other important information.

Surveillance Testing

At this time, all unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff are NOT required to participate in surveillance testing. Testing requirements may change based on emerging public health data and guidance. Details are available on the Cornell COVID-19 Response website.

Supplemental Testing

Supplemental testing is available to all employees including those who continue to work remotely. Supplemental tests require an appointment and may be scheduled by logging into the Daily Check tool and selecting “Supplemental Testing” and a time and location.

Do not come to a testing site if you:
are currently experiencing symptoms
are seeking diagnostic testing
are in self-quarantine
are in isolation

Schedule a Supplemental Test

Presenting Symptoms

Employees who do not feel well should notify their supervisor and contact their healthcare provider. We encourage employees who do not feel well to stay out of the workplace as appropriate. These employees may work remotely if approved to do so, or use leave accruals. If you have symptoms and are scheduled to work, complete the Daily Check health assessment question.

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Do not go for surveillance or supplemental testing if you are presenting symptoms. It is recommended that employees who are presenting COVID-19 symptoms obtain a symptomatic testing kit from a drive-in location on campus or seek a diagnostic test at a non-Cornell testing facility. If directed out of work due to COVID-19 symptoms and/or awaiting COVID-19 test results, employees will log their time in Workday as instructed, and will not be required to use their leave accruals (HAP or vacation) until the test results are received.

Negative Test Result:

If results are negative, and their 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.

Positive Test Result:

If an employee has tested positive they should use the “Your Self-Reported Results” on Daily Check to upload your positive results. They will be directed to isolate and be provided instructions by the COVID-19 Support Team.