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### COVID-19 Testing Information for Rindge Faculty & Staff

Dear Colleagues,

As we prepare to return to the Rindge campus for the spring semester, I would like to provide you with some information about the University's plans regarding COVID-19 testing.

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across the country, all faculty and staff will be tested prior to returning to campus.

You will not need to test if you have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus in the last 90 days or have completed the 2-dose vaccination, and it has been at least 2 weeks since your second dose.\*\*

Testing Update: The University has partnered with Broad Institute, a new vendor, for COVID-19 testing. PCR testing will be available on Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21 at the Fieldhouse from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Testing will be a walk-through, self-testing process.

Upon arrival, you will sign a Consent to Test form in-person. You will receive further information and instructions at that time. You will be given a testing kit containing the resources you need to take the test. You will complete the test in the Fieldhouse using the instructions provided. Once completed, return the kit to the drop-off receptacle, which will be sent out for processing. Negative test results will be emailed directly to you within 2-4 days.

\*\* Proof of positive test or vaccination card must be provided to Human Resources prior to returning to campus.

#### What are the testing expectations for faculty and staff?

All faculty and staff working on the Rindge campus are required to be tested before returning to campus.

Do I need to be tested now if I am not returning to campus this semester? No, only those faculty and staff who will be working on the Rindge campus at any point during the spring semester will need to be tested.

Do I need to test if I am working remotely but may need to come to campus occasionally?

Yes, you will. Please coordinate this with **Human Resources**.

### Will I have to pay for the COVID-19 test?

No, testing is covered by the University if using the self-test process outlined above.

# Will I need to bring anything with me for testing?

No, you will confirm your personal information and sign the testing consent form when you arrive for testing. You will also complete an information card as part of the kit and instructions.

# Do I need to schedule a time to test, or can I show up in the testing window?

There is no need to schedule a test. You may arrive either on January 20 or January 21 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please follow the directional arrows when entering and exiting the Fieldhouse.

# What if I test positive? Who will contact me?

If your test returns with a positive or inconclusive result, you will be contacted directly by the University's Human Resources department regarding your result and the next steps. Human Resources will assist you with coordinating self-quarantining and return to campus.

Thank you for all of your continued efforts to maintaining the health and safety of our environment. I encourage you to reach out to me or to any one of the **Human Resources Team** if you have questions or concerns.

Stay Well,

# Dawn Broussard

Director of Human Resources and Risk Management

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