

FRANKLIN PIERCE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Update to COVID-19 Testing and Your Return to Campus

Dear Raven Nation,

I want to once again thank and congratulate you on the success of completing the fall 2020 semester on-ground and in-person safely. It is with your continued commitment to this mission, your vigilance and your support for your classmates, faculty and the staff that give me the utmost confidence that we can be successful again this spring.

In light of the continued rise in cases of COVID-19 across the country, and to best preserve the collective health and safety of our community, we are announcing a change for your return to campus.

Franklin Pierce will now **require** all Rindge residential students to obtain a negative PCR COVID-19 test within seven (7) days of their scheduled move-in appointment or seven (7) days before the first day of class for commuting students. **We are eliminating the option to shelter in place pending test results. To return to campus, you must present a negative PCR COVID-19 test taken within 7 days of your return.**

If you are scheduled to move-in on January 24, the test must be taken on or after January 17. For move-in on January 25, the test must be taken on or after January 18, and for move-in on January 26, the test must be taken on or after January 19. Commuter students must be tested on or after January 20 for on-ground instruction starting January 27.

The PCR Test results must clearly show the student's name, the date the test was administered and show a negative result. *Antigen test results will not be accepted.*

Testing Resources:

You should make every effort to secure a COVID-19 test. In an effort to support students who are unable to secure a test, students who are able to drive to the Rindge campus safely can schedule a PCR test on campus during designated time slots Sunday, January 17th through Thursday, January 21st. The cost of this test is covered by Franklin Pierce and is available to all residential and commuter students. Upon completing testing, students must immediately leave campus to await results.

[On-Campus PCR Testing Sign-up for Residential Students](#)

[On-Campus PCR Testing Sign up for Commuter Students](#)

Additionally, students will be tested at the beginning of the semester and randomly throughout the spring.

As a reminder, we have partnered with a new vendor for COVID-19 testing for the spring semester, Broad Institute, so all students will be required to complete a new testing [Consent Form](#). **Please have your Consent Form printed and completed upon arrival.**

Please Note: Any student who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days prior to return to campus will not be required to have a negative test before return, but must provide documentation that clearly outlines the date of their positive test and be approved by the Director of Health Services, Erica Peery, for return to campus. Any student who tests positive within 14 days prior to arrival on campus should contact Health Services and gain specific approval to return to campus. Until approval is received, do not return to campus.

Move-In Schedule:

Move-in for the spring semester will occur January 24 – January 26. All previously approved early arrival requests, including early returning student athletes, will be honored.

If you have questions about your scheduled move in time, or need to reschedule, please contact the Office of Residence Life at housing@franklinpierce.edu or call (603) 899-4176.

On Ground Classes:

In-person instruction will begin, for all students presenting a negative PCR COVID-19 test result, on Wednesday January 27.

Students who are awaiting a negative PCR test in order to move-in and or begin on-ground classes will begin their courses remotely and must submit the [Remote Instruction request form](#) for official documentation and approval. Once a negative test result is available, shared and documented with Health Services, the student will be able to move-in and/or move to on-ground instruction. Faculty will be notified when a student is approved to move from remote to on the ground instruction by Academic Affairs.

While this change to the testing requirements may adjust your plans, please know this decision was made in the interest of maintaining the health and safety of our community. By remaining vigilant and adhering to our health and safety protocols, we can complete the spring semester in-person.

Please continue to check the [Ravens Return](#) section of the website often for additional updates.

If you have any questions about testing or self-quarantine, please contact me directly at polloma@franklinpierce.edu or Health Services at peerye@franklinpierce.edu.

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Pollom, EdD.

Dean of Student Affairs

Franklin Pierce University

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