

This memo is to inform you that Governor Justice mandated that all WV Public Community Colleges and Universities conduct COVID19 drive through Surveillance testing. This testing will begin on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020** and continue through **November 18, 2020**. Testing will be outside, *weather permitting*, each Wednesday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. BRCTC personnel will be test collectors.

**Here are the details:**

1. 10% of our campus community who are on campus will be tested each week. *Fully online/remote personnel and students are excluded from testing.*
2. The College is asking that employees and students sign up *voluntarily* for a testing spot. The College is asked to randomize and select individuals but we hope that you will volunteer for testing reducing the need for selection.
  - All healthcare clinical programs faculty and students (who are scheduled on campus) need to sign up for a timeslot. (This includes Nursing, EMS, PTA, and Medical Assisting.)

**TO SIGN UP: please go to [www.blueridgectc.edu/covidtest](http://www.blueridgectc.edu/covidtest)**

- The appointment will take no longer than fifteen (15) minutes.
  - Thirty (30) minutes prior to your selected time, **DO NOT** eat, drink (even water), chew gum, or use tobacco of any kind.
  - There are only 20 spots per week.
3. Individuals will have no expense in this testing. The Governor is covering testing expenses. Blue Ridge is responsible for the overnight shipping costs.
  4. The test will be saliva-based, with PCR analysis, and results are expected back 24-48 hours from the time the test is taken. The tester will receive written notice (via email) from the local health department if the test is positive.
  5. This testing is not open to the community at large. Only employees and students are to participate in the surveillance testing.
  6. **IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING COVID related symptoms, please do not participate in the surveillance testing. Please go to your healthcare provider or a "testing site."**  
**Surveillance testing is to gauge the spread of coronavirus in asymptomatic persons.**

## QUESTIONS

### *How can we find out more about the tests?*

Please visit the website <https://www.vaulthealth.com/covid> where you will find information about FDA emergency use approval, sensitivity and specificity, etc.

### *How many tests is the College collecting weekly?*

The College is responsible for submitting 10% of its cumulative population at the Main Campus. Those assigned to other locations are invited to sign up. *There are only 20 weekly testing slots.* Sign up quickly to be sure to get your preferred date.

### *What information is collected for the surveillance testing?*

Some of the information that we understand will be needed is first name, last name, local address, date of birth, phone number (for contact tracing with positives), race, and gender at birth (a CDC requirement). If an individual does not want to provide gender at birth, simply state "no response."

### *What do I do to prepare?*

Thirty minutes prior to your selected time, **DO NOT** eat, drink (even water), chew gum, or use tobacco of any kind. Arrive at the testing sight and follow directions given by the testing collectors.