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Dear Students,

It's been an exciting week and we are so glad to be able to welcome our undergraduates back to campus. For those of you who are living in residential housing as well as those who plan to come to campus over the next few weeks, we are counting on your partnership in order to keep YU a safe and healthy campus. This includes following our [COVID-19 Code of Behavior](#), wearing masks at all times, maintaining social distancing both on and off campus and avoiding crowds, taking our daily monitoring screening at yu.edu/Covid19 and getting temperature checks, and washing or sanitizing your hands frequently.

As we have previously announced, we are implementing a proactive COVID-19 Monitoring Program, to help identify any positive cases on campus before they can spread. For the present time, the COVID-19 Monitoring Program will be a saliva-based test run by Cayuga Medical Systems (CMS). CMS has been working with Cornell University since the inception of the pandemic (in addition to many other universities in NY) and is recognized as one of the leading medical systems in NY State.

Beginning on Monday, October 26, we will have saliva PCR testing on campus for students already on campus. Initially, we will conduct this testing 2X a week for all students, including those in University housing as well as all students who will be on campus. The frequency may change once the program is underway. The process requires a quick one-time registration and then scheduling an appointment for each testing day.

About the test:

- The test is very simple - Just show up at the designated time and location, provide your Name, Date of Birth and YU ID and then you will proceed to a testing area where you will need to put a sample of your saliva into a tube. It's simple and non-invasive.
- The entire process, from arrival at the testing location until the end of the test, should take about 15 – 30 minutes.

How to Register:

- **Setting up a profile:** (you will only have to do this once). Please do this as soon as possible.

- **Beren campus students** please [click here](#) to create a profile and schedule a time to be tested (if you will be on campus as of Monday, October 26). Sign up should take you around 3-4 minutes.

- **Beren testing location is 215 Lexington Avenue- 3rd floor lobby. Please take the escalators upstairs to the landing on the 3rd floor.**

- **Wilf campus students** please [click here](#) to create a profile and schedule a time to be tested (if you will be on campus as of Monday, October 26). Sign up should take you around 3-4 minutes.

- **Wilf testing location is Furst Hall 2nd floor lobby. Please consider using the staircase to the 2nd floor if possible.**

- Once you've successfully registered and scheduled your appointment time, you will receive a confirmation email with the time and location.

- **Please schedule testing slots as soon as you get the scheduling email:**

- **for Monday testing, an email will be sent out on the Thursday before**
- **for Wednesday testing, an email will be sent out on the Sunday before**

Instructions for testing:

- There is no eating, drinking, or chewing gum for 30 minutes prior to providing a saliva sample.

- Upon arrival to the testing space, you will be asked to present your name, date of birth and your YU ID.

- After you check in, you will be given a kit and directed to an area to provide the saliva sample.

- Further Instructions will be given on-site

When will I receive results?

- Results are generally available within 48 hours, through the CMS portal. Additionally, you will be contacted if you test positive.

· If you test positive, we will follow up with you to determine plans for isolation and will work with our support teams to ensure that you will receive the help and support you may need. We will also do initial contact tracing to help stop the spread.

As a reminder, compliance with the COVID-19 Monitoring Program is mandatory for all students in housing, student athletes and students who are otherwise on campus. Please let us know if you have tested positive within the past 90 days as this may impact the results of your test.

Thank you for your help in keeping our campus healthy and safe.

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