

Weekly Pool Testing

With SUNY Upstate Medical

Alfred University will be participating in weekly pool testing of students using saliva samples that will be tested by SUNY Upstate Medical. In the event an entire pool is reported as positive for COVID-19, more extensive precautions and testing will be performed to determine who tested positive.

Those being tested or interested in the testing process should see [Info about Testing Process](#)

May 4, 2021

These Samples were collected on May 3, 2021

of Samples - 36

Results - All tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

April 30, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 28, 2021

of Samples - 147

Results - All tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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April 28, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 27, 2021

of Samples - 225

Results - All tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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April 27, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 26, 2021

of Samples - 301

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 1

April 22, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 21, 2021

of Samples - 146

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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April 21, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 20, 2021

of Samples - 240

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 2

April 20, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 20, 2021

of Samples - 304

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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April 15, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 13, 2021

of Samples - 190

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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April 14, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 13, 2021

of Samples - 253

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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April 9, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 7, 2021

of Samples - 240

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 1

April 8, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 6, 2021

of Samples - 243

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 3

April 6, 2021

These Samples were collected on April 5, 2021

of Samples - 284

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 1

April 2, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 31, 2021

of Samples - 220

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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April 1, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 30, 2021

of Samples - 222

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 2

March 31, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 30, 2021

of Samples - 267

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 1

March 26, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 24, 2021

of Samples - 234

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 2

March 25, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 23, 2021

of Samples - 233

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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March 23, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 22, 2021

of Samples - 233

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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March 19, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 17, 2021

of Samples - 283

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 2

March 17, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 16, 2021

of Samples - 251

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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March 16, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 15, 2021

of Samples - 248

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 1

March 11, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 9, 2021

of Samples - 219

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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March 11, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 10, 2021

of Samples - 233

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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March 9, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 8, 2021

of Samples - 285

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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March 4, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 3, 2021

of Samples - 256

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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March 3, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 2, 2021

of Samples - 192

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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March 3, 2021

These Samples were collected on March 1, 2021

of Samples - 233

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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February 26, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb. 24, 2021

of Samples - 233

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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February 24, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb. 23, 2021

of Samples - 279

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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February 23, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb. 22, 2021

of Samples - 264

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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February 19, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb. 17, 2021

of Samples - 306

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 3

February 18, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb 15, 2021

of Samples - 352

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 2

February 12, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb 10, 2021

of Samples - 357

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 1

February 11, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb 9, 2021

of Samples - 371

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 4

February 4, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb 3, 2021

of Samples - 156

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 3

February 3, 2021

These Samples were collected on Feb 2, 2021

of Samples - 171

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 1

January 27, 2021

These Samples were collected on Jan 26, 2021

of Samples - 72

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

As a reminder, a negative result only indicates that the person tested did not have the virus seven days prior to taking the test, and does not indicate anything going forward. So, we all must stay vigilant in terms of protecting ourselves and others.

January 27, 2021

These Samples were collected on Jan 27, 2021

of Samples - 43

Results - All Tests Negative

Positive Pools - 0

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January 22, 2021

These Samples were collected on Jan 21, 2021

of Samples - 362

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 5

January 21, 2021

These Samples were collected on Jan 20, 2021

of Samples - 387

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 2

January 20, 2021

These Samples were collected on Jan 19, 2021

of Samples - 351

Results - Positive Results Found

Positive Pools - 1

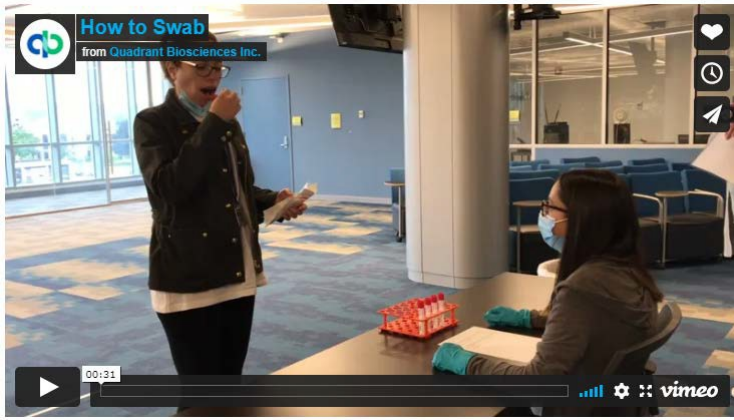
[See Weekly Pool Results from previous fall semester \(PDF\)](#)

In Event of Positive Result(s)

If a pool of 12 people shows signs of positivity, Alfred University will immediately contact and test those individuals to confirm a positive case. Anyone included in a positive pool result is required to begin self-quarantine until cleared by a negative individual COVID-19 test.

The Testing Process

How the Testing Process Will Go



[How to Swab](#) from [Quadrant Biosciences Inc.](#) on [Vimeo](#).

In order to complete the saliva swab:

- **DO NOT** brush your teeth or use mouthwash within last 3 hours
- **DO NOT** eat, drink, use gum or lozenges within the last 30
- minutes **NO** smoking or smokeless tobacco within the last 30 minutes

Please have your student ID or state issued ID with you and make sure you've completed the daily screening.

Lastly, be sure to activate your SUNY account at register.suny-covid.com prior to your appointment time and have the site open/checked-in when you arrive.

Reserve a Time to be Tested

Students who would like to reserve a convenient time to be tested, be sure to check your AU email for any upcoming testing signups available. If you still cannot find a signup, please contact the Wellness Center at [607-871-2400](tel:607-871-2400).

Testing FAQs

What is being done during surveillance testing?

Students and staff are instructed on how to collect saliva from their own mouth using a soft absorbent swab that they place into the front of their mouth for 10-15 seconds to soak up saliva. That swab is then placed in a collection tube with a solution that inactivates any viruses and preserves the saliva for testing at another location. Once 12 samples have been collected, these are pooled together into a single larger tube, and all the larger tubes are then sent to SUNY Upstate for testing.

Who is doing the testing?

The saliva pools that are created are being tested in a dedicated COVID-19 testing facility at SUNY Upstate Medical University that has developed and optimized methods for detecting SARS-CoV-2 virus in human saliva samples.

What is the basis of this test and how sensitive and specific is it?

The method is based on the now well-established finding that SARS-CoV-2 virus can be present at detectable levels in the saliva of subjects, whether they have active symptoms or not.

The test uses a method of detection called Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) that is optimized for maximum sensitivity in stabilized human saliva. The specific saliva testing method used will detect the presence of as few as 5 copies of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in a single PCR test more than 95% of the time. If more than 5 copies are present, the test is 100% sensitive. The test is also 100% specific to the SARS-CoV-2 virus and will not report a false positive result due to any other known viruses, such as those that cause the common cold or influenza. The test is based in part on protocols developed and validated by the Pasteur Institute in France and registered with the World Health Organization. Those methods were adapted and modified for use with saliva and pooled saliva by the clinical research teams at SUNY Upstate Medical University and Quadrant Biosciences.

How will results be reported?

When a saliva sample is added to a pool, negative results indicate no levels of detectable virus in those pools, and all of the students in that pool are presumed negative (free of virus). If a pool tests positive, then each of the students or staff who contributed to the pool need further evaluation and an individual clinical test before they can be officially diagnosed. It is important to recognize, however, that people who do not have detectable levels of virus may still be infected, since detectable levels only appear reliably 2-5 days after exposure. Thus, having a negative result does not rule out the possibility of transmission occurring, and students must still remain cautious and use appropriate precautions to minimize their risks of exposure or transmission.