

Student Pre-Arrival Testing Protocol

Effective March 3, 2021



Spring Break Re-Entry 2021

In an effort to finish the academic year strong and in-person, Franklin College will require all students to submit a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to campus after Spring Break 2021. The College recognizes the short timeframe in which students are expected to be tested along with the residence halls opening on the Easter Holiday which many families may celebrate. Therefore, we have identified two options for students regarding testing. You may schedule and submit your own test prior to coming to campus or you may sign up for a Rapid Test to be completed on campus on Monday, April 5th. In order to accommodate an expected increase in students choosing to be tested on campus, the College has decided to deliver class virtually for everyone on Monday, April 5th. If you choose to test on campus, you will need to schedule a testing time that does not conflict with your virtual course schedule that day. Please see the bottom of the sheet for exceptions to the testing requirement.

TESTING OPTIONS

Option 1: Obtaining your own test

Students are required to:

- a. Receive a COVID-19 test **between March 31, 2021 and April 5, 2021**. Students with Negative COVID Test Results uploaded will be permitted to return to classes after spring break.
- b. Self-quarantine between the date the test is administered and the date the student returns to campus.

Students may obtain testing through their local health department or other private testing options. Out-of-state students should consult their state's department of health website. Specific information about testing locations in Indiana can be found here: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm>. Johnson County Health Department offers drive-thru testing at the Johnson County Fair Grounds; pre-register at [InvitationConfirmation](#).

Please note that many testing sites are reporting up to 5 days to receive results. You should consult the site you plan to use and plan your test date accordingly. **Students will not be permitted to attend classes until the college has a negative test result on file.** After obtaining test results, students may upload an image of the test result here: [Spring Break Re-Entry Test Submission and affirmation of Quarantine \(forms-db.com\)](#) Please upload your results as soon as you receive them in order to allow for your card access to be activated for your approved return date. Please do not depart for campus without having uploaded your negative results.

Option 2: Scheduling a Rapid Test on campus for Monday, April 5th

Students who live on campus may return to their residence halls upon opening at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 4th as long as they are scheduled for a rapid test with the college on Monday April 5th. Commuter students should plan to arrive to campus only in time for their test on Monday, April 5th. We will provide a link to sign up for on-campus testing in a later communication. Students must sign up for a testing time no later than Friday, March 26th in order to allow the week of spring break for our team to prepare.

TEST RESULTS

Negative Test Results

- Students with a negative test result residing in the college residence halls will have their card access turned on to return to the residence halls. Questions regarding housing may be directed to Residence Life at housing@franklincollege.edu or by calling (317) 738-8015.
- Students with a negative test result living off campus may return to campus for the remainder of the spring semester on April 6, 2021.

Positive Test Results

- Students with a positive test result will be provided with appropriate instructions to isolate prior to returning to campus.
- Consistent with the current protocol, instructors will be advised when a student is in quarantine/isolation, and students are encouraged to work directly with their instructors to make arrangements for academic work during quarantine/isolation.
- Students who test positive must isolate for 10 days from the date of the test and must also be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before returning to campus.

EXCEPTIONS AND COMPLIANCE

Exceptions to Pre-Arrival Protocol

A student is not required to submit a pre-arrival test result if one of the following applies:

- The student tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90-day period (**since January 4, 2021**) prior to returning to the campus for the remainder of Spring 2021, and the positive test result has been provided to the college through the Student Health Center, the health department, or a self-report; or
- The student is approved for a virtual exception and will be taking 100% of their courses online for the remainder of Spring 2021 semester, is not residing in the residence halls, and will not be physically present on campus for any part of the Spring 2021 semester.
- The student has received a complete dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by **Sunday, March 21, 2021**. Students will be asked to upload a photo of their vaccination card in place of their negative test result.
- Students remaining on campus for spring break due to athletic commitments and/or students approved for Spring Break housing.

Compliance

Students are required to comply with this protocol unless the student meets the criteria for an exception. Students who fail to submit the test results/sign up for a testing time will not be permitted to move into the residence halls and will not have academic access until a test result has been submitted. Students will not be granted access to virtual coursework for failure to comply with the re-entry protocol.

Additional information including FAQs similar to Spring Semester Re-entry along with a link to sign up for a testing time will be sent out the week of March 15th in an effort not to overwhelm you with this initial message.