



## Random COVID-19 Testing Policy as of October 19, 2020

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has recommended that universities follow a hierarchy for selection of persons for IHE-based testing which can be as follows:

1. Persons with symptoms of COVID-19
2. Persons who have had contact with someone with COVID-19
3. All students, faculty, and staff with possible exposure in the context of outbreak setting
4. Random sample of asymptomatic students, faculty, and staff to more rapidly detect increasing SARS-CoV-2 incidence, with consideration for incentivizing voluntary testing
5. All students, faculty, staff and members of their place of residence as part of a community-based testing strategy by health departments outside of outbreak setting

### The CDC also states;

“Testing a random sample of asymptomatic students, faculty, and staff could increase the timeliness of outbreak detection and response by rapidly identifying and isolating COVID-19 cases that would otherwise go undetected without testing; the number of students tested should take no consideration the population size of students, faculty, and staff. In an IHE setting, with frequent movement of faculty, staff and students between the IHE and the community, a strategy of entry screening combined with regular serial testing might prevent or reduce SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Implementation of [mitigation strategies](#) (e.g., social distancing, masks, hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning and disinfection) should go along with any of the various testing strategies.”

ASL continues to stay committed to the safety and wellbeing of all community members including students, faculty, and staff members with the goal to stay open and offer in-person classes for the remainder of the year. While we have experienced multiple positive COVID-19 cases on campus and have had students, faculty, and staff directly exposed to COVID-19, we are instituting a campus wide Random COVID-19 Testing Policy.

ASL will be randomly selecting 5% of students and 5% of employees to have COVID-19 tests administered at randomly appointed days. Individuals who have been randomly selected for COVID-19 testing will be notified by Abigail Wescott the morning that they are selected. Those selected will have 24 hours from being notified to have a COVID-19 test administered unless they are informed on a weekend day, Saturday or Sunday. If they are informed that they were randomly selected for testing on a weekend they will have through the end of Monday to have their testing completed and submitted, with online accommodations given for that Monday. Before returning to ASL’s campus, the individual must first receive a negative COVID-19 test and send their results to Abigail Wescott. Any student who is selected to have a test taken will be given online accommodations for the day that they are to be tested. The individual will be counted for attendance as long as they attend their class(es) via Zoom and on time. Any employee selected will need to work remotely until they are able to provide COVID-19 test results to Abigail Wescott. The two locations that provide rapid testing and ASL will pay for COVID-19 testing are the Urgent Care in Grundy, VA, and Ultra Health in Pounding Mill, VA. Randomized testing will not be administered on exam days.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Abigail Wescott at [awescott@asl.edu](mailto:awescott@asl.edu) or 703-232-6841.**