COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM
for Columbia University Morningside students in Fall 2020

Undergraduate students living on or off campus will be tested upon arrival to campus. They will also be required to undergo frequent diagnostic testing* throughout the term and attest to a daily symptom self-check via ReopenCU.

Graduate and professional school students living on or off campus will be tested upon arrival to campus. Thereafter, a random sample will be tested weekly throughout the term. Those living in Columbia Residential dormitory-style housing will undergo more frequent testing* throughout the term. They are also required to attest to a daily symptom self-check via ReopenCU.

All students arriving from outside of the United States will quarantine for 14 days in accordance with CDC and prevailing public health guidance.

States with high prevalence of COVID-19 will quarantine for 14 days as required by the State of New York. You can find the list of states on New York’s travel advisory webpage.

Additional testing is available through Columbia Health if a student has symptoms or has concerns about exposure.

Students who live in undergraduate Columbia Housing and test positive will isolate in separate university housing for at least 10 days and until Columbia Health informs them it is safe to stop isolation.

Students who live off-campus or in Columbia Residential (graduate students) and test positive will be asked to isolate at home for at least 10 days and until Columbia Health informs them it is safe to return to campus. If they are unable to isolate adequately, Columbia Health will connect them to alternate resources.

Close contacts of students who test positive will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. The name of the individual testing positive will not be shared with contacts.

Regardless of location, all students who test positive will receive daily medical support through telehealth, mental health virtual support spaces, any necessary academic accommodations, and will be able to take classes remotely.

*frequency will vary depending on key indicators including the status of the epidemic in New York City and on campus. Students will not incur out-of-pocket costs for tests conducted through the Columbia Testing Program. These requirements may change based upon public health conditions and guidance. July 29, 2020.

Testing here refers to PCR testing, not antibody testing.