

Policy on Returning On-Campus Students and COVID Testing

All on-campus students for the 2020 Fall Term must be tested for COVID and receive a negative test result before returning to campus as provided below.

Students will not be allowed to check into campus housing (including residence halls, the EcoVillage or any other College-owned properties) or begin the 2020 fall term on campus without providing documentation of a negative COVID test taken no earlier than August 1, 2020. Given that delays between testing and results can be five days or longer, students should arrange to be tested on August 1 or shortly after to ensure results arrive before returning to campus.

The PCR COVID test is the most accurate and is strongly encouraged; however, the rapid antigen test is acceptable. Regardless of which test is taken, students should request documentation of the results. Students with **inconclusive test results** must retake the test and receive a negative report before returning to campus.

Students who cannot provide proof of a negative COVID test prior to their scheduled arrival should not come to campus and should inform Student Life (isl@berea.edu or call 859-985-3150).

For the safety and well-being of all, the College will be unable to accommodate students without negative test results on campus as we begin classes this fall. Students who have not provided documentation of negative COVID test results by Tuesday, August 11, at 5:00 pm will be dropped from the on-campus courses they are enrolled in. Their registration will be administratively changed for the fall semester to that of Distance Learning Student, Leave of Absence, or deferment.

For questions or more information on this policy, please contact Dr. Channell Barbour, Vice President for Student Life at barbourc@berea.edu.