



Testing Update for Spring 2022
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Due to the increase of positive cases in the State of NH, the demand for COVID19 testing has also increased. In order to continue to provide the PSU campus community with timely turnaround time for COVID19 test results, we have transitioned our laboratory from the Durham (UNH) campus to the Manchester (UNH) Campus. This transition allows for equally accurate and effective testing while maintaining the ability to provide timely test results.

Communication

Test result notification will be communicated in exactly the same way as they have been – via text message and/or email. The delivery method(s) you prefer (text/email) have been, and will continue to be, asked at registration when you attend an on campus testing event.

TEST RESULTS – CHANGE - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

When you receive your test results there will be a change with the language used to identify positive vs negative results. Please see the chart below.

| Previous: Test Result | Previous: Test Result | Now (Spring 2022) | Now (Spring 2022) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| Positive | Detected | *Recommended for Diagnostic Testing | Abnormal |
| Negative | Not-Detected | Not Recommended for Diagnostic Testing | Normal |

Recommended for Diagnostic Testing = Positive/Detected but is not an official positive result. Those that receive a result stating “recommended for diagnostic testing” will be treated as positive and required to isolate while their sample receives additional confirmation testing per regulatory requirements. There is no need for additional swabbing the confirmation test is performed on your original sample.

Please Note: The testing process at the UNH Manchester lab is not CLIA certified. This means that the tests (both positive and negative) are not considered diagnostic tests. It is incredibly important to note that this does not affect the accuracy of your test, just what the test can be used for. These tests may not be accepted for travel purposes or other activities that have specific testing requirements outside of the University. Please know that this transition is necessary to continue to provide timely COVID-19 testing for our campus community and to properly manage this pandemic.

If you have questions please email the COVID-19 Response Team covid19@plymouth.edu.