

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
ASU-Beebe Covid-19 Testing Event
Frequently Asked Questions

Who is required to test?

Residence hall students and several cohort program students and faculty are required to test. Housing staff and program faculty will communicate with the groups who are mandated to test.

Who can be tested?

All students, faculty, or staff members from any of our campuses (Beebe, Searcy, Heber Springs, LRAFB, and online) are encouraged to take advantage of this convenient, free testing event.

Why are we testing people who have no symptoms and have not been exposed?

It is possible for someone to be positive with COVID-19, not have symptoms, and still be sharing the virus and infecting others. For this reason, wearing masks and staying at least 6 feet from others is the primary way to prevent the spread of the virus. However, routine testing is also a way to identify positive COVID-19 cases who are asymptomatic so those cases can isolate to curtail the spread of the virus.

Why are we just testing on the Beebe campus?

ASU-Beebe requested a testing event for each of our campuses. Because health officials are focused on residential college campuses, a 500 test event on the Beebe campus is what has been approved at this point. All ASUB students, regardless of campus, are encouraged to take advantage of the testing event. Testing also remains available at the Arkansas Department of Health Local Health Units in Heber Springs, Searcy, and Cabot.

What will this cost?

The testing is free. The Arkansas Department of Health will not bill you for the test.

How long will the results take?

We anticipate that test results will be available within 3 days. Instructions about how you will receive your test results will be given by the testing staff at the time of your test.

How will the test work? Is this going to hurt?

When you drive-up or walk-up to the testing tent, the health care professionals will take your information. Please have your driver's license or other ID, your current address, and a phone number where you can be reached.

The tests will be self-administered. The health care professionals will provide you with a sealed tube and instruct you to remove the nasal swab from the tube and gently swab the inside of both your nostrils, not your nasal cavity. You will return the swab into the tube as instructed. This is a less invasive swab process than the rapid results tests that many health care providers have used.

Will I have to quarantine after being tested?

No quarantine period is required of those who are exhibiting no symptoms of COVID-19, have not been exposed to a positive case, and test negative.

What happens if I test positive?

You will be contacted by phone if you test positive, so it is important that you answer the phone number you give to the testing team. The case investigator who contacts you will give you instructions, which will include an isolation period. You will also be asked about any close contacts.

Please follow ASUB protocol by reporting your positive test and condition via the online COVID-19 Self Reporting form on the Coronavirus Information page: <http://www.asub.edu/coronavirus-information/index.aspx>

Also, notify your instructors, who will work with you to deliver course content through alternative methods during your isolation period.

What if I live in a residence hall on the Beebe campus?

If you are positive for COVID-19 and live on campus, Housing Staff will work with you to provide isolation space within the residence hall and to deliver your meals, etc. during your isolation period.

Residents should be aware that if they are positive for COVID-19, they will be instructed to isolate where they are at the time of notification. The college encourages residents to isolate on campus. This helps limit the exposure of the virus and potentially exposure of your family to COVID-19. For that reason, residents are encouraged to not “go home” this weekend until confirmed they have a negative test.