

To: All Graduate & Professional Students

Subject Line: COVID-19 Testing for Graduate and Professional Students

Dear Graduate & Professional School Students,

We're writing to share with you the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 testing and symptom monitoring protocols for Fall 2020. Both are essential steps in keeping our Duke community safe and healthy, and we thank you for your continued cooperation and flexibility as we rise to meet the challenges of an unprecedented year. **Please read this email carefully and thoroughly so that you understand what is expected of you.**

COVID-19 ARRIVAL TESTING

As President Price shared in his [community message on June 30th](#), all students who plan to be on campus for approved academic purposes are required to undergo testing for COVID-19 upon their arrival to campus. Any graduate or professional student who will be arriving in August or who is returning to campus after time away must be tested. Please note that your Duke Card will only be activated after your COVID-19 test has been administered and you have attested to both the Duke Compact and the Student COVID-19 Policies appropriate for your degree program. You are also expected to complete the daily symptom monitoring survey before coming to campus (detailed below). You will be receiving links to the relevant attestation platforms soon.

Please note that you should come to the Duke campus **only** for your scheduled testing appointment and leave after your test is complete. Until your results are received and your DukeCard is activated, you will not have access to Duke facilities and should remain off campus.

COVID-19 testing for graduate and professional students will take place from August 17 through September 1 in Penn Pavilion, with appointment slots between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day. Some programs have unique start dates that are after September 1 and you will hear from your schools on the expected dates for testing. You should sign up for a 10-minute appointment slot using the Transact app. Instructions regarding downloading this app and signing up for your testing appointment will be sent to you by your respective school. Your schools will provide information about which days of the testing schedule you may sign up for a testing appointment. Questions about scheduling your appointment can be directed to keeplearning@duke.edu.

If you are a graduate student who has been on Duke's campus continuously this summer working in labs or participating in other academic activities, you will *not* participate in this arrival baseline testing process. The same exemption holds for **continuing** students in clinical degree programs within the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing, who have continued in-person rotations during the summer. If you are a graduate student, an SOM student, or a DUSON student who falls into one of these two categories, your Duke Card will remain active. You will, however, be included in ongoing

surveillance testing and daily symptom monitoring throughout the semester along with your graduate and professional peers and undergraduate students. To keep your DukeCard active, you will also need to attest to the Duke Compact and the COVID-19 PhD Student Policy Plan.

Beginning Monday, August 10, all graduate and professional students will be able to check the status of their DukeCard at <https://dukecard.duke.edu/statuscheck>. Just enter your DUID or NetID, and you will receive a card access status of either “active” or “inactive”. As a reminder, your status will show as inactive until you have:

- Attested to the Duke Compact and COVID-19 policies
- Completed the back to school testing protocol (for students required to do so)
- Performed your daily symptom monitoring
- Have been cleared of any reported symptoms by Student Health

DAILY SYMPTOM MONITORING

Tracking COVID-19 symptoms is another way Duke is working to keep the community safe as operations expand for the fall. **All University students, faculty and staff who wish to participate in activities on Duke grounds or in Duke facilities** are required to download the [SymMon app](#) to complete the daily symptom survey before arriving or participating in activities on campus. **Students must complete the survey starting on or before the day of their campus arrival and testing appointment.** The app is available on the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#) under the name “SymMon” (known to some of you as REDCap). [Learn more about how to download and how to use the SymMon app.](#) Duke may use data collected in this process to develop approaches for understanding where the virus may be spreading, and who is at risk. Student Health follows all provisions within [Duke’s Acceptable Use Policy, Data Usage During COVID-19](#).

Thank you again for your engagement, support for one another, and flexibility as the Duke family continues to navigate and pivot to plan for a safe, healthy, and fulfilling academic year. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please visit <https://returnto.duke.edu/> or contact keeplearning@duke.edu or your academic dean.

Sincerely,

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