



COVID-19 Antigen Testing Guidance for Colleges and Universities

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Our goal at MDHHS is to support testing in congregate settings, including colleges and universities.

Antigen testing to diagnose COVID-19 is one component of a comprehensive strategy and is used in conjunction with other mitigation measures (hand washing, masks, keeping 6 feet of distance) for a campus. We recommend that each college apply an antigen testing strategy. Per the CDC, there are many [testing strategies](#) such as entry testing, two phase testing, and repeat testing. At MDHHS, we recommend weekly repeat testing.

- **Entry Testing:** involves universal screening one time screening at the beginning of the semester
- **Two Phase Testing:** universal one-time screening and repeat testing one week later for some situations.
- **Repeat Testing:** repeat testing of a random sample (either the whole population or a subset)

How often does MDHHS recommend ongoing antigen testing cadence?

We recommend a weekly repeat testing cadence for members of any campus. Weekly testing of the whole campus may be possible for smaller colleges or dorms. Weekly testing of a subset of students may be more feasible for larger universities.

How can colleges obtain antigen tests from MDHHS?

We are making antigen tests available for colleges and universities to conduct testing on your campus.

If you would like to obtain antigen test supplies for your college or university, please reach out to one of our partners Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities or the Michigan Association of State Universities. The training series for school antigen testing can be found [here](#), including office hours.

If additional testing is needed, please follow guidelines below.

Additional testing is often needed in other circumstances such as outbreaks, contact sports, returning travelers, exposure, detection of a variant of concern on campus, symptomatic individuals. Please review the guidelines outlined [here](#) that discuss further the specific algorithms in those situations.

For further information:

- [CDC guidance](#)
- [Antigen Test FAQ and Guideline](#)
- [MDHHS Testing for Colleges & Universities](#)