

FAQ:

Who will be tested?

MBS will begin a weekly saliva-based testing routine of all students, faculty, staff and coaches who will be on campus or using MBS campus facilities. Participation in testing is required for an on-campus presence, as well as participation in athletics and/or co-curriculars.

How often will testing occur?

The testing process will occur once per week for every member of the MBS community.

What is pooled testing?

Rather than test each individual student and employee separately, a time- and resource-intensive process, samples can be combined—or pooled—to cut down on the number of tests. Mirimus technology tests 24 samples at once; if one sample within a pool tests positive, the entire pool is flagged for further testing.

How will MBS devise the pools?

Pools will be formed by a student's advisory group and include the advisor.

Where will the pooled tests be administered?

Saliva samples will be collected at home and delivered to campus the same morning. After all samples are received on campus, they will be delivered via courier to Mirimus Labs in Brooklyn, NY.

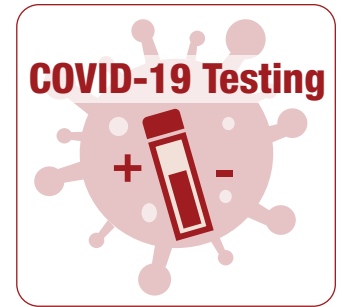
If I get tested by the school or by an outside medical facility, do I still need to follow the NJ state mandated quarantine rules?

Individuals returning to New Jersey from states on the [NJ Advisory list](#) must still quarantine regardless of whether they were tested by MBS or another agency.

When and how will we hear about the results of testing?

Individuals who are identified as potentially positive for COVID-19 will be immediately contacted by a third party physician working on behalf of Mirimus. Any additional individuals identified through the contact tracing process will also be reached. Any changes required to campus operations will be communicated in a timely manner.

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FAQ: (cont'd)**How quickly will we get back the results?**

Pool results will be available within 24-48 hours of sample submission.

What happens to the samples after they have been tested?

Samples are destroyed by the lab after one week.

What are the costs associated with the test?

MBS is covering the cost of the weekly non-invasive, saliva-based pooled test from Mirimus. Families and employees are responsible for the cost of any other COVID-19 tests they may choose to get, including potential follow-ups resulting from the Mirimus test.

Does being quarantined mean that transmission has occurred?

No, quarantine does not necessarily mean that a transmission of the virus has occurred. A contact may be quarantined because they have had identified, extended close-contact exposure to a positive COVID-19 individual (i.e. within 6 feet for 15 or more cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period), which may signify a higher chance of transmission.

The behavioral norms adopted by our community (e.g., masks, physical distancing, hand hygiene, temperature checks,) and additional campus infrastructure measures (e.g., plexiglass, air filtration, electrostatic cleaning, use of outdoor space) all help to minimize the risk of transmission, including during extended close-contact exposure.

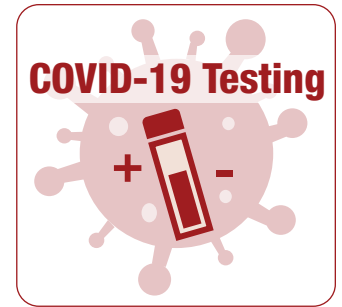
Is there a potential for false positives?

Please note that the test cannot be guaranteed to be 100% accurate. False positives are possible but rare. The test utilized by Mirimus Labs detects three different unique viral RNA templates. For a positive result, at least two RNA templates must be detected. The protocols used substantially decrease the likelihood of false positives by detecting dead viral particles.

Where can I find an external COVID-19 testing site?

Local testing sites can be found online at New Jersey's COVID-19 test site finder.
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites>

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FAQ: (cont'd)**Does my child need to take the MBS COVID-19 test if they are a remote learner during the day and only come to campus for co-curricular or afterschool activities (e.g., athletics, the arts)?**

Yes, all individuals planning to be on campus at any time must participate in testing.

What if my child will be remote or unable to be on campus on distribution day?

If your child will be remote or unable to be on campus for test kit distribution, your child or a designated proxy may collect a testing kit from the nurse.

What if my child has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 (i.e., tested) in the last 3 months?

If your child has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 3 months, please submit a doctor's note confirming such to the nurses in place of submitting a saliva sample for testing.

What if my child plans to be fully remote?

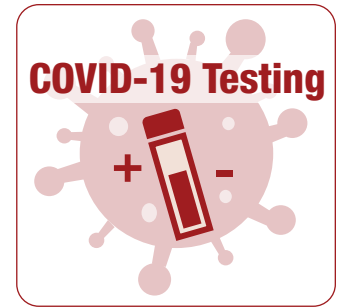
If your child plans to be fully remote with no intention to be on campus for any reason, including for co-curriculars such as athletics or the arts, they do not need to submit a sample for testing. If this plan changes, your child must participate in the next testing cycle before being permitted on campus.

May I provide test results from an independent PCR (polymerase chain reaction) COVID-19 test instead of taking the MBS COVID-19 test?

Yes, you may choose to submit results from an independent PCR (polymerase chain reaction) COVID-19 test administered within 48 hours before the most recent MBS sample collection instead of taking our test.

Please note that an antigen test is not an acceptable alternative to a PCR test. You will be responsible for any costs associated with obtaining a COVID-19 test from a source other than MBS. You must submit your child's test results directly to the nurse.

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FAQ: (cont'd)**If MBS tests the community, do we still need to wear masks, social distance, etc.?**

The implementation of the pool tests is intended to supplement and not supplant the other safety actions on campus (e.g. mask wearing, frequent hand washing, social distancing). Using pool testing in addition to following safety recommendations will help MBS students and faculty minimize health issues related to COVID-19 and dramatically reduce the number of people who are COVID-positive on campus.

How is user privacy ensured?

There will be no transmission of any personal information in connection with a student test sample. Your saliva samples will be used for COVID-19 testing only. Only approved MBS administrators will be able to view all pool results. Mirimus will never know the identity of those being tested, as they only receive bar coded vials.