# **COVID-19 Surveillance Testing for Vaccinated Employees Announced**

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Good afternoon to the Staff and Faculty of SUNY Old Westbury,

Effective Monday, November 1, 2021, SUNY Old Westbury will begin a surveillance testing program for all employees who are vaccinated against COVID-19 and who have an on-campus presence this semester. This program will require each vaccinated employee to test twice this semester -- once every four weeks for the remainder of the fall semester beginning next week.

This surveillance testing helps protect our community by allowing us to identify positive cases – including "breakthrough" cases in vaccinated people who may be less likely to experience symptoms – and implement the contact tracing and isolation protocols that are proven to reduce community spread of the virus.

## **Testing Location and Process**

Testing will continue to be conducted by Enzo Labs in the <u>Student Health Center Annex</u> in the Academic Village. **One-time registration is necessary for this testing if you have not yet tested with the campus during the 2021-2022 year.** Appointments can be made if preferable but walk-in testing is available for all registered users.

ENZO Labs uses a short nasal swab. You must bring ID and your proof of medical/health insurance for testing. **There is no cost to employees (no copay).** Insurance will be used to pay for the analysis of your samples. Registration and initial appointments can be accessed at the following link:

### **Employee Registration Site**

Results from Enzo Labs testing are generally available within 2-3 business days after testing. However, the College is dependent on its partners' ability to process tests and cannot guarantee exact result times. Results will be uploaded to your profile on the Enzo Patient Portal when available.

All information related to registration and testing is held as confidential information by both Enzo and SUNY Old Westbury.

### Schedule for Vaccinated Employees

Employees should have a test conducted as noted below:

- Week of November 1-November 7: Last Names Beginning with A-D
- Week of November 8-November 14: Last Names Beginning with E-L
- Week of November 15-November 21: Last Names beginning with M-R

- Week of November 22-November 28: Last Names beginning with S-Z
- Week of November 29-December 5: Last Names Beginning with A-D
- Week of December 6-December 12: Last Names Beginning with E-L
- Week of December 13-December 19: Last Names beginning with M-R
- Week of December 20-December 26: Last Names beginning with S-Z

Off-campus testing can fulfill this requirement. Those employees who choose to be tested off campus must submit results from a PCR test (not a rapid test) to the College in order to fulfill SUNY's testing mandate. Employees using off campus testing must email their results to hr@oldwestbury.edu no later than the Wednesday of the week after their test sample was collected.

Complete details on this program are available on the College website.

Thank you in advance.

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