

<https://www.umass.edu/news/article/covid-19-update-umass-public-health-promotion-center-mar-ch-31>

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<https://www.umass.edu/coronavirus/coronavirus/covid-19-testing#:~:text=Rapid%20Testing%20for%20Symptomatic%20UMass,and%20get%20a%20test%20now>.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updates-to-stop-the-spread-testing-program>

<https://www.gazettenet.com/Regional-COVID-19-testing-sites-slated-to-close-45506713>

Stop the spread program > looks like before anyone could get tested at UMass and after only students could... so guessing it was definitely state funded before and possibly state funded after?

<https://commonwealthmagazine.org/health-care/colleges-facing-astronomical-covid-costs/>

Many schools are contracting with the Broad Institute to process tests at \$25 apiece – a special rate for colleges and universities that is lower than the institute's typical rate of \$35 to \$50 and far lower than other commercial labs that can charge up to \$150. There are at least 45 private colleges and 14 public colleges using the Broad Institute, including the University of Massachusetts, Harvard, MIT, Tufts, Wellesley, Brandeis, and Northeastern.

Meehan said UMass will spend \$14 million on COVID-19 testing alone this fall. And that is with only between 8 percent and 27 percent of its students back on campus, with the numbers varying by campus. > fall 2020

Peyser said Gov. Charlie Baker just gave 47 public and private colleges \$15 million in federal CARES Act funding to offset COVID-19-related testing and other costs, in addition to \$250 million in previously allocated federal funding, half of which is earmarked for student financial aid.

See through data, for looking at contracts

<https://www.wgbh.org/news/education/2021/08/19/more-than-half-of-public-colleges-in-mass-used-covid-relief-funds-to-cover-unpaid-student-bills>

Paying off unpaid student debt with covid relief money

An unknown number of private schools in the state are doing the same thing, but it's unclear how much they're spending. The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts says it's not tracking how individual institutions are using their relief funds

<https://www.masslive.com/news/2020/06/how-financially-viable-are-massachusetts-public-colleges-and-universities-amid-covid-19.html>

UMass received \$558 million in state appropriation and \$684 million in research and development, in addition to tuition.

The university system received about \$46 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities (CARES) Act, Marty Meehan, president of the UMass system, told the board. Of that, about \$23 million went directly to students to offset tuition costs.

<https://www.wwlp.com/news/health/coronavirus-local-impact/umass-to-offer-free-and-open-to-public-covid-19-testing-site/>

UMass Amherst has received a \$5-million grant to open a community COVID-19 asymptomatic testing program starting Monday, December 14.

https://www.umb.edu/the_university/covid_19_federal_assistance

Did receive some money from the state for covid testing, doesn't go into how much was used or if more was given over time

<https://www.nepm.org/regional-news/2020-08-19/some-colleges-begin-widespread-covid-19-testing-but-not-all-schools-have-that-option>

UMass said it's paying \$1.4 million for up to 56,000 quick-turnaround tests, which comes to \$25 per test.

AIC looked into partnering with local hospitals in the Springfield area for widespread testing, he said, but those hospitals already have testing backlogs. Plus, Scott said the cost per test — around \$100 — was just too high for AIC.