



Averett University's Fall 2021 COVID-19 PCR Testing Requirement

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the COVID-19 testing requirement for fall 2021 at Averett?

- All students, staff and faculty are required to have a COVID-19 PCR test done during the month of August, regardless of their vaccination status.
- If you are an online-only student or faculty member and do not come to campus, this testing is not necessary.

Why is Averett mandating testing for vaccinated and unvaccinated people?

- The Covid-19 vaccine is made to protect against serious illness if you contract the Covid-19 virus. While there is still a risk of contracting, carrying and spreading COVID-19 after getting vaccinated, you will likely have mild to no symptoms.
- The Delta variant COVID-19 cases are rising and we are seeing an increase in breakthrough infections, which is when a fully vaccinated person contracts COVID-19.
- The risk of contracting the Delta virus is **decreased seven-fold** when you are vaccinated.
- In an effort to mitigate the risk on our campus, we are asking that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, get tested this one time while we are all still masking so that we can catch all positive cases, including breakthrough cases, before they become an outbreak on campus.
- During this time, we will be working diligently to compile our vaccinated versus unvaccinated numbers and getting the majority of our campus vaccinated.
- At least during the month of August, all students, faculty, and staff must wear face a covering in indoor spaces and in outdoor spaces when social distancing is not possible.

What is the time frame in which I have to be tested?

- Averett will hold a free testing event in partnership with Virginia Department of Health on Friday, Aug. 20, in which all Averett students, staff and faculty can attend to have a PCR test done. More information on registering for this event is forthcoming.
- If you choose to be tested prior to coming to campus check-in, this test should be done no sooner than three days prior to your arrival on campus.
- You may also choose to be tested after you arrive on campus at a local pharmacy in the region. These test must be completed by August 20.
- A list of testing sites can be found below.

To whom do I turn in my COVID-19 test results?

- All testing results should be turned into Tammi Devlin, director of Health Services, located in the Office of Health Services in the Galesi Family Student Success Center, or via email at tdevlin@averett.edu.

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What if I tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days?

- You can potentially test positive for COVID-19 for up to three months after a positive COVID-19 test; therefore it is recommended that you not be tested during those 90 days.
- You will be required to bring proof of your positive test within the last 90 days and will not be required to test during the month of August.

What if I received the COVID-19 vaccine recently?

- You will still need to undergo COVID-19 testing. None of the three COVID-19 vaccines will cause you to have a positive PCR test. The PCR tests are testing for active disease and not immunity.

What if I want to be vaccinated?

- Averett will host a vaccination event on campus on Saturday, Aug. 21. The event will be open to all Averett students, staff and faculty, as well as the community, and all three vaccines will be available there.
- All local pharmacies continue to provide the COVID-19 vaccines.

Testing Sites in the Region

Danville:

CVS - PCR

817 Main Street

*Must schedule an appointment online

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2425 South Boston Highway (Cane Creek)

*Must schedule an appointment online

CVS – PCR

3212 Riverside Drive

*Must schedule an appointment

GoDocs – rapid PCR

949 Piney Forest Rd

Med Express – PCR and rapid antigen

133 Enterprise Drive

Walgreens – rapid PCR

1500 Piney Forest Road

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401 South Main Street

*Must schedule an appointment online

PATHS Community Medical Center - Danville Medical Center – PCR and rapid antigen

705 Main Street

*Patients only

Walmart Neighborhood Market - PCR

211 Nor Dan Drive Unit 1010

*Testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am -9:00am

Centra Medical Center– PCR

414 Park Avenue

SOVAH Emergency Department – PCR and rapid antigen

142 South Main Street

Pittsylvania County:

Centra Gretna Medical Center - PCR

291 McBride Medical Center

*434-907-6835 for a preliminary screening

PATHS Community Medical Center – Chatham – PCR and rapid antigen

4 South Main Street, Chatham, VA 24531

*Patients only

CVS – PCR

13600 US Highway 29, Chatham, VA 24531 (Tightsqueeze)

*Must schedule an appointment online

This is likely not a complete list. The CVS and Walgreens testing locations are free. If you have insurance, you will need to present your insurance card. If you do not have insurance, you will need your social security number (card not necessary) and a valid state-issued photo ID. For those without a SSN or ID, Radeas is the best option. There is no cost, no appointment is necessary and no ID is needed.