



December 21, 2020

Dear Heidelberg Students and Parents,

By now, you have wrapped up the strangest fall semester in memory, and you should be proud of your efforts. I hope you're finding some fun and meaningful ways to celebrate your efforts and the coming holiday – but that you are doing it with a mindset of health and safety.

Today, we want to give you some important information about the required return-to-campus COVID-19 testing process so that we can all have a successful and healthy start to the spring semester. You should receive your free saliva test kit by the end of next week; for a few people, the kits have already arrived. Remember that a negative test result is your ticket to return to campus in January.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the step-by-step instructions inside the test kit. While they are simple and self-explanatory, it is critical that you follow them specifically. The first and single most important step in the process is this: **You must register your test according to the instructions. If you fail to do this or do it incorrectly, you won't get your test results and Heidelberg will be unable to access your results.**

Here are a few additional keys to remember:

- Your test kit will arrive via USPS.
- Instructions and mailing supplies for returning your sample via FedEx will be provided.
- If you tested positive since October 8, 2020, you will not be receiving a test kit and you don't need to do anything before returning on campus.
- Test kits for current residents on campus (not at home) will be delivered to campus. Dean Abrams will reach out to you to get your test kit when it arrives.
- Remote learners will not be receiving a test kit.
- If you forget to take your test per the instructions or submit it late, you may have to wait to return to campus or quarantine upon return.
- Your test results will be sent to you (and also to Heidelberg) electronically through Telomere Diagnostics' web portal. You will receive an email or SMS with a link to view your results on the website. Remember: You must have registered your test correctly

with accurate information to receive your results. Test results are expected to be available in 24-36 hours of when your test is received by the lab.

- If your test result is positive or if you are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, you should not report to campus. Please call Stoner Health and Wellness Center at 419-448-2041 for further instructions.

Because various groups of students, such as student-athletes and RAs, are scheduled to return to campus on different dates, the testing company has provided these important dates for collecting your sample and returning your test kit:

- Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Wrestling and Athletic Trainers – December 28, 2020
- Indoor Track – January 4, 2021
- All students except Resident Assistants – January 5, 2021
- Resident Assistants – January 7, 2021

If you have questions that aren't answered here, feel free to email student-affairs@heidelberg.edu and we'll do our best to get you the information you need.

Wishing you all a relaxing break and a wonderful holiday, however you may be celebrating. You've earned it!

Sincerely,

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