

SENTINEL TESTING EMAIL AND ACCOUNT SET-UP

SUBJECT: Create an account in Verily for Sentinel Testing

As we continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are moving forward with testing in the Spring Semester in partnership with GuideSafe. COVID-19 Sentinel Testing will continue for students, faculty, and staff. Sentinel testing involves testing a random sample of MMI's population weekly to help monitor the prevalence of COVID-19 in our campus community. Our goal is to test at least three percent of our on-campus population on a weekly basis.

Please go to Healthy.Verily.com and set up your account, it will only take a few minutes. Be sure to use your school email account. An invitation should be sent to your school email between December 30th and January 4th for you to set-up a testing date. **You will need to schedule a testing appointment for January 13th.**

Sentinel tests are intended for individuals who are not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. As part of scheduling your test through Verily, you will be asked to report if you are experiencing symptoms. If your responses show you are symptomatic, you will be asked not to test through this program, but to contact student or employee health about alternative testing options.

On the day of your testing appointment, you will arrive at MMI and check in with your photo ID. Please wear a mask as directed by campus policy. After you check-in, you will be given a test kit including a nasal swab that you will self-administer with observation. The swab process takes less than a minute. The observer will help guide you through the process. After you have completed your self-swab, you will seal your sample in the included test tube and storage bag and then turn it into a member of the collection team at the testing location. The sentinel testing process typically takes 5-7 minutes from arrival to departure.

Each testing day, samples are delivered to the laboratory for processing. Results are typically provided within 24-48 hours from arrival at the lab. Results will be delivered to Employee Health or Student Health, depending on if you are an employee or a student. In addition, you will be contacted by email to access your individual test results. If you test positive for COVID-19, you will receive a call from a healthcare provider who will give you the next steps for protecting yourself and others around you.

Sentinel testing is to help monitor levels of COVID-19 on campus and to identify potential outbreaks. We all have a role to play in keeping our campus safe. If you have any questions, please contact Rene Sumlin at 205-441-3278 or GuideSafe at testing at guidesafe.org or 1-866-839-5308.

Thank you for your participation in the sentinel testing program.