

Date: November 24, 2020
From: Patrick K. Day, Vice President for Student Affairs
To: Students in Residence Halls and Apartments
Reply: uhs-frontdesk@sjsu.edu
Subject: **Post Holiday Break Required COVID-19 Testing**

Dear University Housing students,

To begin, I want to thank all of you for your diligence, discipline, and commitment to being Spartans with the dynamic restrictions placed on all of us by the COVID-19 pandemic. You have been committed to keeping our residential community and our campus safe by adhering to the guidelines of the university and the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. As a result, our numbers of COVID-19 infection at the university remain low. Thank you!

Despite our success, our city and region have seen substantial increases in positive COVID-19 cases. As we continue to adjust to a return to the [Purple \(Widespread\) tier](#) and a statewide curfew, holiday travel and gatherings pose significant risks of exposure and spread. **To ensure the ongoing health of the residential community at SJSU, all students living on campus will be required to take a COVID-19 test upon their return to campus from the holiday weekend.**

Return from the Holiday Break: Mandatory Free COVID-19 Testing

In an effort to continue to protect the health and well-being of our campus community, for students who live on campus and returning back from the holiday break, SJSU University Housing Services (UHS) will be conducting mandatory free COVID-19 testing.

Testing Dates and Locations

Testing will be held in the Housing Quad in front of CVA and in front of CV2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 1-2. The testing will be administered by HealthQuest Esoterics, a company partnering with the university.

Appointments

Please click the link below to schedule your appointment at one of the following locations:

- [Appointments in Front of CV2](#)
- [Appointments in the Housing Quad](#)

Plan to arrive at the entrance to the testing site 5 minutes before your appointment time. Bring a photo ID.

What to Expect during Testing

HealthQuest Esoterics staff will swab your nasal cavity and process the sample through their lab. Results of the test are projected to be returned to the campus/student within 24-36 hours. The Student Wellness Center staff will contact all students with a positive test result with support and guidance on how to proceed.

When you participate in the testing, please adhere to standard health protocols (e.g. wearing a face covering and maintaining six feet of physical distance). If you are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms, please stay home and contact your medical provider.

After testing, each student will be required to sequester in the residence hall room, limiting their movement to attending class, participating in required NCAA intercollegiate athletics activities, and going to pick up meals from the Dining Commons until you hear your test results with further directions.

SJSU Resources and Support

If you have questions, or are directly impacted by COVID-19, resources and support are available. On-campus protocols are in place to assist residents who have tested positive, may be showing symptoms, or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. SJSU strongly encourages you to complete a confidential "[Reporting a Case of COVID-19](#)" online form. If you are a student employee, you are required to report. A case manager will contact you shortly after the initial survey.

University Housing Services staff are available for support and to provide information and resources. Should you have questions, please contact us at 408-795-5600 or at uhs-frontdesk@sjsu.edu. You may also contact your Residential Life Coordinator.

The staff at University Housing Services and I are truly thankful for your partnership in keeping the [Spartan Community Promise](#) and wish you a safe and well-deserved break this holiday season!

With gratitude,

Patrick K. Day, Vice President for Student Affairs