

Date: December 22, 2020
From: Patrick K. Day, Vice President for Student Affairs
To: Students in Residence Halls and Apartments
Reply: uhs-frontdesk@sjsu.edu
Subject: **Post Winter Break and Spring Required COVID-19 Testing**

Dear University Housing students,

Thank you for your participation in our Fall Break COVID-19 testing and your continued efforts in keeping in our residential community and campus safe. We appreciate your adhering to the guidelines of the university and the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. As a result of your diligence, our numbers of COVID-19 infection at the university continue to remain low.

Despite our success, our city and region continue to see substantial increases in positive COVID-19 cases. As we continue to adhere to the state's [Stay at Home Order](#) and a statewide curfew, holiday travel and gatherings continue to 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 winter break.**

Return from the Winter 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 winter break, SJSU University Housing Services (UHS) will be conducting mandatory free COVID-19 testing.

Upon returning from winter break, each student will be required to sequester in their residence hall room or apartment for seven days or until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result. While sequestering, students should limit their movement to attending academic functions, participating in required NCAA intercollegiate athletics activities, and going to pick up meals from the Dining Commons.

Testing Dates and Locations:

The mandatory COVID-19 testing will take place January 26-27 and February 1-3 in the Campus Village Quad and in front of CV2.

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.

As a reminder: After testing, each student will be required to sequester in their residence hall room or apartment, 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.

Spring Semester: Mandatory Free COVID-19 Testing:

During the spring semester, additional testing will occur during the following dates:

February 15 to March 26

April 5 to April 9

April 19 to May 14

In January, additional details will be shared regarding the testing locations and process and appointment sign-ups.

University Housing Services Addendum

Housing students are required to sign an addendum to the 2020-2021 Housing License Agreement which addresses new policies residents are expected to adhere to in response to COVID-19. The addendum includes the mandatory testing requirement. To access and sign the addendum, log into the [Housing Application Portal](#).

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 winter break and look forward to welcoming you to campus in January!

With gratitude,

Patrick K. Day, Vice President for Student Affairs