



# **Memo**

**To** Providence Campus Faculty and Staff

**From** Christopher Harwood  
Director of Emergency Management

**Date** February 5, 2021

**Re** Spring Semester COVID-19 Testing

To continue to safeguard our campus community, we began conducting sentinel testing twice a week during the week of January 18 that will occur through April. All in-person learners, and any remote learners coming to campus as an athlete or student employee, are required to participate in testing. In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) guidance, our goal is to test 100% of our student population on a monthly basis, in addition to a pool of faculty and staff. We continue to work closely with RIDOH to advocate for access to the vaccine for our campus community.

It is critically important that all faculty, staff and students partake in sentinel testing when selected. This type of surveillance testing, regardless of symptoms, is intended to identify positive cases early and limit outbreaks, which could jeopardize the semester. Many individuals will be tested multiple times, sometimes in consecutive weeks. We understand that this may be a nuisance, but it is essential to ensure our academic year remains on track.

Thank you to all who have participated in testing and for your continued adherence to COVID-19 [protocols](#). (Note: if you test positive for COVID-19 outside of testing conducted by JWU, you must notify Human Resources.) Please encourage students to take this seriously – those who fail to participate in mandatory testing will be subject to disciplinary action. To learn more about sentinel testing and community expectations at the Providence Campus, visit the JWU COVID-19 [website](#).

We appreciate all you continue to do to ensure a safe and successful spring semester.

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