



Memo

To Denver Campus Community

From Richard Wiscott, Ph.D., Denver Campus President

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Re **Important information about COVID-19 testing requirements and spring return**

Students who will be on campus regularly during the Spring Semester will be required to follow COVID-19 testing protocol.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 continues to surge nationally and globally as we enter the holiday season. Now more than ever, it is important for us all to remain vigilant with health and safety measures as a community. Johnson & Wales University continues to work collaboratively with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to mitigate spread and prevent a widespread outbreak of the virus not just on campus, but in local Colorado communities as well. Thank you to our Wildcats for your diligence and commitment to keeping our community healthy and safe during these challenging times.

As you finalize plans for the Spring 2021 Semester, it is important to keep these below pieces of information in mind. Conditions continue to change in Colorado and across the country, which may result in new guidance from federal, state and local officials that requires JWU to modify plans for how to welcome students back to campus. We will continue to provide updates as necessary and remind students that failure to comply with any directive is a violation of the [COVID-19 Conduct Protocol](#) and will be referred to Community Standards and Conduct to be addressed.

- **Baseline community testing:** All students taking courses in-person, living on campus, student employees working on campus, and/or with a need to regularly access campus services in person will be required to test negative for COVID-19 within 7 days of the start of the semester by means of a [PCR test only](#). No other tests, including rapid tests, will be accepted. Students should plan accordingly. If you have received a positive test in the last 90 days please contact health services at 303-256-9448.

In coordination with [COVIDCheck Colorado](#), free testing will be available on campus on January 11, 12, and 13, by appointment. **Information about testing appointments will be shared in an upcoming memo.** Once tested, students will be required to quarantine until results are provided and continue to follow COVID-19 Conduct Protocol. Alternately, students may complete a PCR test at their own care provider within 7 days of arrival to campus and must submit their results to DenverHealthServices@jwu.edu. These students must also plan an intentional quarantine from the time of the test until results are received and classes begin.

Students must adhere to local requirements to only leave their place of residence to perform essential functions, only congregate with members of your immediate household and avoid large groups and gatherings.

Failure to complete this testing requirement could result in delayed start of classes, and inability to complete courses successfully for Spring Semester.

Information about baseline testing for faculty and staff is forthcoming.

- **On-campus resident students:** Students may return to campus as early as January 5, 2021 for quarantine purposes only. For further information please contact Residential Life at reslife.den@jwu.edu. Those residential students returning before January 18 will complete their quarantine period in their Spring Assignments (unless provided with other instructions). Refer to separate emails from Residential Life for selecting a move-in date and further details about the spring check-in process within the next few days.

Please continue to monitor your JWU email often for future updates and visit the [JWU COVID-19](#) website for FAQs. In addition, please check ulearn for any notices from course instructors.

Again, thank you! Following these instructions will put us in the best position to begin the spring semester successfully and in a timely fashion. Your health, and the health of our entire community, is our top priority.

Happy Holidays!