

William Paterson University

COVID-19 Testing Plan

Spring 2021

For the spring 2021, William Paterson University has contracted with Bergen New Bridge Medical Center to provide testing for our university community with a focus on populations most at risk for COVID-19. The University has developed a priority-based testing plan to ensure that our campus has a systematic approach.

At this time, New Bridge will be conducting nasal PCR tests. Results will be available within 24 to 48 hours. Individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 will access their results via the New Bridge Medical portal. All positive results will be reported to the Counseling, Health, and Wellness Center (CHWC) for contact tracing.

Testing will be held every Wednesday and Friday. Individuals must be referred for testing, including any faculty or staff, which will help us prioritize the needs of our campus.

*If individuals are invited to participate in the testing program and have had COVID-19 in the past three months, they must first contact CHWC at covidchwc@wpunj.edu or call 973-720-2360.

NCAA Athletic Testing:

Testing began the week of January 4, 2021, with testing for all NCAA basketball players, who are resuming practice this week. All student-athletes who wish to participate in their sport this spring must participate in mandatory weekly testing. All student-athletes need to participate in testing during designated testing days in order for them to be eligible to participate in their sport that week. Only students who receive a negative test will be permitted to participate. Coaches and Athletic Trainers will be part of this testing program as well.

Club Sports:

Students who wish to participate in club sports must participate in the testing program. Recreational Services and CHWC will determine who needs to get tested and the frequency of that testing. Students in affected club sports will be notified via email.

Residential Students:

All residential students are required to participate in the testing program. They will be required to test on-site through New Bridge during the week of move-in. Residential students will receive information about testing via email from Residence Life staff. New Bridge will be on site for four days during move-in week.

Throughout the spring 2021 semester, the University will conduct surveillance testing of the residential student population and Residence Life staff. The goal is to test approximately 25 percent of residential students every week. Students who are contacted must comply with testing as part of their housing agreement. (Approximately 250 residential students will be tested weekly.)

Academic Programs:

Certain academic programs, due to the nature of their classes or clinical work, may be at more risk for contracting or spreading COVID-19. Therefore, surveillance testing will be available for these programs. Faculty and staff in these programs are eligible to participate. These programs include but are not limited to:

Kinesiology, Music, Communication Disorders and Nursing.

If you are an academic department chair and are requesting that your academic program needs priority for testing, please contact CHWC at COVIDCHWC@wpunj.edu.

General Student Population

Students who may have been exposed to COVID-19 may get tested through the New Bridge testing program. These individuals must be screened and referred for testing by the CHWC medical team. All students in need of testing must reach out by calling 973-720-2360 or by email at COVIDCHWC@wpunj.edu.

Employees

Employees who are exposed to or may have contracted COVID-19 while performing their in-person job responsibilities will have access to the New Bridge testing program. All employees must be referred for testing by the benefits team in Human Resources in collaboration with CHWC. Any employee who is requesting testing should contact Human Resources at payroll@wpunj.edu or CHWC at COVIDCHWC@wpunj.edu.

Insurance

The New Bridge Medical testing program will utilize an individual's health insurance plan to cover the cost of testing. Anyone who has health insurance is required to use it. All full-time students are required to have insurance as part of their enrollment. If students are unsure if they have school-sponsored insurance, they can verify coverage through this website:

<https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/en/school/686212/index.html>

Testing Location/Hours:

All testing will take place in the White Hall Lounge in the Residential Complex. Commuters can park in Lot 5.

***Testing hours are:**

Wednesday, noon-4 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

*These days and times are subject to change due to demand or the needs of our campus.

Referral and Testing Procedure:

- ✓ A list of individuals who are being referred for testing will be provided to New Bridge by a CHWC designee. New Bridge will send an email to anyone who is referred for testing. Individuals must register and make an appointment for testing. Lists will be provided to New Bridge on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ✓ Anyone who is to get tested **MUST** be registered in advance. No one can arrive at the testing site without being registered. Insurance information must be provided at the time of registration. You do not need a copy of the insurance card, but need to have all the information regarding your insurance plan and ID number.
- ✓ After you complete a registration, you will make an appointment or be informed to be at the testing site during a certain time period (certain programs will test during certain days/times).

- ✓ At the time of testing, you must bring ID with you, and if you have your insurance card, you should bring it with you. You should have your William Paterson University ID with you (only students or employees can participate in the program).
- ✓ You must wear a mask and socially distance while waiting on line. You will be asked your name upon entering the testing site to verify you are on the referral list. If you are not on the list, you must call 973-720-2360 and ask to speak to a nurse or a provider. Anyone can be added to the testing list during that day, as long as it is approved by CHWC. This will be coordinated by a CHWC designee and New Bridge.
- ✓ Once verification has taken place, you will be permitted to progress to the registration table. You will need to show ID at this table.
- ✓ You will be provided with instructions on how to access your results. **The link to register for the portal to get your results is only active for 24 hours after testing.**
- ✓ Everyone who is participating in the testing program **MUST** register with New Bridge to access test results. This information will be provided once you get your test. You will only need to register once for the New Bridge health portal. After that, all lab results will be in the portal.
- ✓ Counseling, Health and Wellness will only have access to positive results. If you are in need of a copy of your results, you will need to download your results from the New Bridge health portal and save them.
- ✓ Results will be reported as not-detected (which is negative) or detected (which is positive).

Note: Students who are having symptoms must be screened and referred by the Counseling, Health and Wellness Center medical team. Students in need of testing must reach out by calling 973-720-2360 or by email at COVIDCHWC@wpunj.edu.