



Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 314

To: Virginia Tech Faculty, Staff, and Student Employees
From: Timothy D. Sands
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Subject: COVID-19 Testing Program for High-Contact Populations

This Presidential Policy Memorandum establishes a testing program for high-contact employees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the university's COVID planning, a detailed Testing Plan (https://vt.edu/content/dam/vtnews_vt_edu/documents/COVID-19-testing.pdf) was developed. One component of this plan is the implementation of an ongoing testing program for high-contact populations that is consistent with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's (DOLI) COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard (<https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/RIS-filed-RTD-Final-ETS-7.24.2020.pdf>).

Given the dynamic nature of COVID-19, Virginia Tech has implemented a risk-based required testing program for those occupations with exposure risk levels that are identified as very high, high, and medium, based upon the DOLI definitions. The goal of this testing program is to control, mitigate, and prevent the spread of COVID-19 across the university community with a particular focus on faculty, staff, and students who, due to the nature of their job or academic responsibilities, are in close contact with or have a higher interaction with the public or each other.

The Office of Emergency Management oversees the high-contact testing program, working closely with active support from Human Resources and Environmental Health and Safety. Individuals identified for participation in the high-contact testing program are required to participate. There will be no cost to the employee for this test.

This Testing Program for High-Contact Populations remains in effect until rescinded by the President.

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