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University of South Carolina

A Message From the Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Public Health

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students:

COVID-19 testing and contact tracing are crucial to keeping our campus community safe, particularly as we prepare for the Labor Day weekend. Thanks to USC Upstate's partnership with the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, we have been provided increased access to testing. We are asking all on-campus residents, anyone attending or teaching in-person classes, and any campus faculty or staff members who are interested, to get tested this week while supplies last. There is no cost to you.

There are two easy steps:

Step 1 - PICK YOUR TRANSPORTATION OPTION and GET TESTED

Step 2 - HELP THE UNIVERSITY by REPORTING YOUR RESULTS AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THEM

STEP 1

Transportation Option #1: You Provide Your Own Transportation

Between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., visit Spartanburg Regional's drive-through testing site, which is located close to campus at 1035 N. Church Street (formerly Spartanburg Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram), near the intersection of N. Church Street and Pine Street in Spartanburg.

When you arrive, let them know you are affiliated with USC Upstate and are there for free testing.

- Please limit passengers in a vehicle to the number of windows.
- Always wear a mask when traveling in a car with others.
- Bring your Driver's License and USC Upstate ID with you to the testing site.

Transportation Option #2: University-Provided Transportation

Free shuttle buses are available this week. They will load on a first-come, first-served basis in the Rampey Center parking lot:

Tuesday, September 1:
Departure Times: 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00

Wednesday, September 2:
Departure Times: 9:00, 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00

Thursday, September 3:
Departure Times: 9:00, 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00

Plan on spending approximately one-hour, in total, from the time you leave campus until you return.

- Always wear a mask while riding the bus and practice social distancing.
- Bring your Driver's License and USC Upstate ID.

STEP 2

Please help the University and your fellow Spartans by reporting your results immediately upon receipt. Results do not come to us automatically; they go directly to you and you alone. We suggest that you use your USC Upstate email address and monitor your email closely while awaiting results.

If your test is NEGATIVE, send a screenshot of your results to COVID@uscupstate.edu. That's all we need you to do. Reporting NEGATIVE results is important, as it helps the campus calculate the ratio of POSITIVE to NEGATIVE cases in the campus community. We cannot report a "percent positive" without having some understanding of the number of negative cases and total tests. Knowing NEGATIVE results is just as important to us as knowing POSITIVE results, so please report them.

If your test is POSITIVE, please contact Health Services at 864-503-5191 as soon as you receive your results. If you call and we do not pick up during business hours, please leave a voicemail with your name and the best number to reach you, and **we will return your call**. If your test is POSITIVE, immediately adjust your plans, and do not go to class, work, the cafeteria, or social gatherings. Stay home wearing a mask, notify your professors and/or supervisor via email, and isolate away from others to avoid spreading illness.

Please protect yourselves, your friends, and your families this holiday weekend. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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