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

Dear Campus Community,

A few public health updates for you on this Tuesday:

Free, On-campus Testing Clinics

USC Columbia will be on campus twice in November to offer COVID-19 surveillance clinics. The clinics will be held on **Mondays, November 9** and **November 30** from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Spartan Recreation Center. They are open to all students, faculty and staff. Appointments are not necessary.

This testing is free to you, and you will receive results via email within in 48 hours. These COVID-19 tests will be [self-collected nasal swabs](#). This technique requires you to place the swab inside the nostrils and turn 3-5 times. The test is not painful, and you will be guided through the process.

Please remember that you may continue using the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System’s drive-through testing clinic at any time. **If you are symptomatic or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please call USC Upstate Health Services, 864-503-5191.** Please do not attend this public clinic, but utilize a drive-through clinic. Health Services can assist you with locating other community testing options.

DHEC recommends that everyone [get tested monthly](#) for COVID-19.

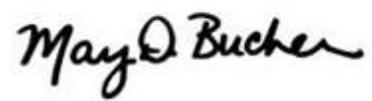
Mask Policies on Campus

We continue to receive questions about mask requirements. **Masks should be worn indoors at all times and in accordance with university policy. Outdoors, masks should be worn when you are within 6 feet of other people.** If you are eating in a picnic area on campus, for example, please distance yourself from others before removing your mask.

The CDC offers [clear guidance](#) on the use of masks.

Thank you for all you are doing to help keep our campus community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary D. Bucher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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