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Students: Important Update Regarding Stevenson's COVID-19 Testing Strategy

Dear Students,

We have an important update regarding Stevenson's COVID-19 testing strategy. This email contains important information for all students, and we ask that you read through it carefully and in its entirety.

To provide our campus with another tool to promote the health and safety of our new and returning students, Stevenson is implementing the following testing measures for the campus:

We are asking all students to get a COVID-19 test before coming to campus. Please work with your own local testing locations or clinics to arrange a test. We recognize that some results are taking up to 14 days to be returned, so we ask that you do this as soon as possible. If you receive a negative result, there is nothing that you need to do. If you receive a positive result, please immediately contact the Wellness Center at wellness@stevenson.edu and we will work with you to determine next steps before you return to campus.

All new and returning Residential Students (students living in our Residence Halls) will be tested within the first week of their arrival on campus. This testing is in addition to your own local testing, which you will still need to do. A mandatory consent form for testing must be completed prior to move-in. This is located under the "forms" tab in your Wellness Center Patient Portal. We will provide each student with more information about the time and date of their on-campus test.

Commuter Students (students who live in off-campus residences) may request a COVID-19 test through the Wellness Center. Commuters, like all students, should arrange their own test before returning to campus. If you would like to request a Covid-19 test, contact the Wellness Center at 443-352-4200. Please note that we will not be able to test non-residential students until all Residential students have been tested.

Students from states with high positivity rates will be required to be tested and send their results to the Wellness Center. The university has identified a small number of students in this category. Students in this category will be required to get tested at home now and then immediately upload these results (positive or negative) through the Wellness Center Patient Portal. If you receive a positive result, we will contact you to determine next steps. If you do not receive your results by the time you are scheduled to move-in or come to campus to begin classes, please do not come to campus. Contact wellness@stevenson.edu for information about your next steps before returning.

Please remember to practice physical distancing, wear a face covering, and limit your activity (no social gatherings, no visiting with others without a face covering, and no non-essential travel) between the time when you are tested and when you receive your test result.

Also, remember that a negative test result could mean that you are still incubating the virus and that you could become positive. If you receive a negative test result, it is very important that you continue to follow all the CDC-recommended health and hygiene procedures--masking, physical distancing, washing your hands, and avoiding large gatherings—and continue to monitor yourself for possible symptoms of COVID-19.

We believe these protocols will help us reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection on our campus and we appreciate your efforts to Keep Stevenson Safe.

If you have questions, please contact studentaffairs@stevenson.edu.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

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