

## **COVID-19 Student Testing Notice: Your Commitment to Us; Our Commitment to You**

You are receiving a COVID-19 diagnostic test from the University of Virginia (Student Health & Wellness (SH&W) or UVA Health System). UVA is committed to containing the virus, mitigating its spread, and caring for you and others in our community. By testing at UVA, you are upholding this shared commitment. Your test results are your personal medical information. This notice outlines the limited ways in which your results may be shared to protect the health and safety of others in the University and local community.

- **Health Department Notification:** State law requires the University to disclose any positive test result, together with contact information, to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and VDH's Blue Ridge Health District (BRHD). BRHD will contact you as part of its contact tracing operation if you test positive. Please cooperate fully and immediately with BRHD by providing the names and contact information of any and all people with whom you have come into close contact as well as recent locations you have visited. VDH and BRHD will be guided in its work by current CDC guidelines and will not disclose your name or otherwise identify you during contact tracing without your permission. ***UVA students will not be subject to disciplinary action for any information disclosed to VDH/TJHD.***
  
- **University Notification:** If you test positive or if you are advised to self-isolate or self-quarantine pending receipt of your test result, your name and health status will be disclosed confidentially to the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS). If you live in University housing, ODOS will work with Housing and Residence Life to facilitate assignment of isolation and/or quarantine housing for you, if/as needed. Regardless of where you live, ODOS will also offer you general support and assistance. If you work for the University, your name will be disclosed to Human Resources and your supervisor or manager to alert them of your need for temporary leave from your work duties and to ensure that UVA complies with its legal obligation to notify employees if they may have been in close contact with a COVID-positive coworker (names are not disclosed to co-workers). Your name and health status may also be disclosed confidentially to a limited number of other University officials who have responsibility for overseeing the University's emergency response to the current pandemic. ***UVA students will not be subject to disciplinary action for any information disclosed to ODOS or any other UVA officials as part of this notification.***

All disclosures made pursuant to this notification are permitted under the federal Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). For further information about your rights under FERPA, please see the University's *Annual Notification of Student Rights Under FERPA* at <https://www2.virginia.edu/registrar/privacy.html>. All disclosures outlined in this notice will be made securely and with the instruction that unauthorized redisclosure is prohibited; no other disclosures will be made except as required by law.