

COVID-19 Protocols- Unvaccinated Student Surveillance Testing

Introduction

In order to monitor student populations with a higher likelihood of community spread and maintain compliance with the CSAC's protocols for return to play, Keystone College will require unvaccinated resident students and unvaccinated in-season student-athletes to participate in surveillance testing. This strategy will allow for 25% of Keystone College's unvaccinated resident students and at least 25% of unvaccinated in-season student-athletes to be tested each week, with 100% of these populations tested every 4 weeks.

The following surveillance testing protocols were developed following guidance provided by the CDC and the updated NCAA Sport Institute's recommendations, to allow for monitoring of populations with an increased likelihood of community spread. These protocols will be implemented and monitored by the College's Athletic Training staff, Residence Life staff, and Wellness Coordinator.

Protocols

- To accomplish the following testing strategy, the College will utilize Abbott BinaxNOW test kits that were received from the PA Department of Health.
- Each week, 25% of unvaccinated resident students and at least 25% of unvaccinated in-season student-athletes will be selected to complete testing and be assigned a time to complete a rapid test under the direction of the College's Athletic Training staff and Geisinger's Dr. Sheng-Ying (Margaret) Lo, Ph.D. The rapid tests take approximately 15 minutes to generate results.
 - The testing population will be 25% of unvaccinated residents and at least 25% of unvaccinated in-season athletes each week, resulting in 100% of these populations being tested every 4 weeks).
 - Currently, when community spread is high or substantial, unvaccinated in-season athletes are expected to be tested 3 times a week. Keystone College will be following this guidance.
 - Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within 90 days of their scheduled test date will be excused from being tested. Appropriate documentation of test results should be provided to confirm that a positive test was received.
 - Residence Life and the Wellness Coordinator will create the testing schedule for unvaccinated resident students; the Athletic Director and Athletic trainers will create the testing schedule for unvaccinated student-athletes.
 - Additional information will be sent to unvaccinated resident students from the Office of Residence Life, and impacted unvaccinated student-athletes will receive further instruction from their respective head coaches regarding testing dates and locations.

- All individuals being tested must bring proper ID with them to the testing site.
- Students who receive a positive result will be expected to follow the College's isolation protocol, and contact tracers will be notified.
 - The Athletic Training staff will notify Wellness Coordinator, Carla Salsman when a positive result is received.
 - The Wellness Coordinator (Carla Salsman or designee) will notify COVID-19 Designee (Dr. Vicki Stanavitch) to initiate contact tracing, and Director of Residence Life (Carlyle Hicks for resident students).
 - Director of Residence Life, Carlyle Hicks, or Residence Life staff designee will facilitate the isolation protocols for resident students.
 - Additionally, because of the known risk that this test may generate a false positive (approximate 2 out of 100 tests), any student who receives a positive result will also be sent to an off-campus provider for a follow-up PCR test.
 - Geisinger has created a fast track testing method for any symptomatic Keystone College students or those who have a positive Antigen test.
 - Athletic trainers or the Wellness Coordinator will work with students to arrange for follow-up testing.
 - Students without insurance or with insurance that is not accepted locally may be sent to Rite Aid for follow-up testing.
- Test results will be maintained in a password protected spreadsheet created by the Athletic Training staff.

Considerations for Travel

- Unvaccinated student-athletes traveling to a game where physical distancing and masking cannot take place during the transportation process will receive a rapid test within one day before departure. This schedule will be coordinated by the Athletic Trainers together with the traveling team's head coach or Athletic Director.

Protocol for Personnel with Close Contact with Student-Athletes

- Unvaccinated personnel who have close contact with student-athletes, including coaches, Athletic Trainers, and certain officials will need to be included in the College's surveillance testing protocols. The Athletic Director and head coaches will work with the Athletic Trainers to develop a plan to implement this testing.

Considerations for Out of Conference and Post-Season Contests

- Occasionally, teams will need to complete surveillance testing in addition to College's surveillance testing protocol, to meet the requirements of the respective conference or opposing team and playoff requirements. When these situations arise, the Athletic Director and head coaches of teams that need expanded testing will work with the Athletic Trainers to develop a plan to implement this testing.

