



WESTMONT



TESTING, TRACING, AND HEALTH ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Westmont College is committed to the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff, as well as the broader Santa Barbara community. As such, a number of new protocols, tools, and tests will be utilized for the fall semester to limit the possible spread of COVID, including:

TESTING

- COVID testing will take place in person on campus prior to the start of fall classes. This baseline testing will be done by trained technicians from Exceltox Laboratories.
- Faculty, staff, and early-arrival students will be tested the week of August 17.
- New students will be tested once they arrive to campus on August 27-28.
- Any remaining returning students will be tested on August 29-30.
- Student athletes will be tested earlier and more often than noted here, with those details coming directly from the Athletic Department to each team.
- Each person who will be tested will receive an email in August from Exceltox asking them to create an account before arriving on campus. Once ready, test results will be posted to this account, as well as shared with Westmont's Office of Institutional Resilience.
- All appropriate privacy protocols will be in place to protect student health information.
- Additional COVID testing will take place on campus throughout the semester. A percentage of the Westmont community members who are either living on campus or regularly coming to campus will be randomly selected and tested each month.
- In instances where someone is suspected of having COVID, the availability of on-site testing throughout the semester will allow for results within 15-30 minutes so the appropriate next steps can be taken.

CONTACT TRACING

- Westmont has utilized the Johns Hopkins contact tracing program to train several individuals to perform contact tracing if there is a suspected or actual case of COVID on campus.
- Contact tracing involves conversations via email and phone with those who have or are suspected of having COVID, or if there has been contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, to determine where they have been and with whom within the Westmont community they have spent time in recent days. Those individuals are then contacted and asked to quarantine until such time that testing can be done to confirm or rule out the presence of COVID.
- Contact tracing performed by Westmont contact tracers will only reach out to individuals within the Westmont community. If any contacts involve non-Westmont affiliated individuals, the County of Santa Barbara Department of Public Health will be informed so appropriate tracing for those individuals can occur.

DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

- Students, faculty, and staff who will be on campus at any point during the day will be required to complete a brief health assessment form that will be emailed to them each morning.
- The application linked to the email will ask about the presence of a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater and whether any COVID-related symptoms are present.
- After completion, an email will be generated indicating either approval for the student to move about campus or the need to self-isolate in their room.
- A high fever or any COVID-related symptoms will initiate a response from the Office of Institutional Resilience, the Health Center, and Residence Life.
- Students are encouraged to bring a thermometer when they return to campus for the semester.

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