

HOW WILL TESTING BE CONDUCTED?

STEP 1: Students, faculty and staff will receive a clean, individual testing kit containing a barcoded sample collection tube and additional supplies (saliva collection tube). Even if the sample kit was sent home in advance, please wait until collection day to provide your sample.

STEP 2: Individuals will safely self-collect saliva samples **at home** and return them on the designated collection day. Please review the sample collection instructions [here \(written\)](#) and [here \(video\)](#).

The ideal time for saliva sample collection is immediately after waking up in the morning. Do not use mouthwash for at least two hours prior to providing your sample. Do not eat, drink, chew gum or brush your teeth at least 30 minutes prior to providing your sample. This is critical to the viability of the sample collected. Even if the sample kit was sent home days in advance, please wait until collection day to provide your sample.

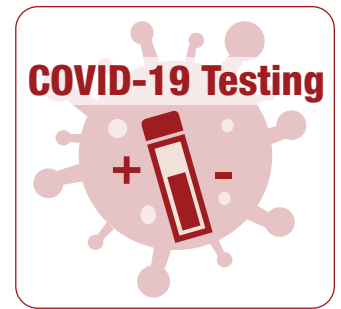
STEP 3: That morning, individuals will bring the barcoded collection tubes back to **campus** where they will be deposited in designated collection baskets. All individuals on campus must provide a test sample in order to remain on campus.

- For quality control, please be sure the bag containing the collection tube clearly shows the individual's name. This outer bag will be removed before it's sent to the lab.
- If your child will not be at school for collection day, you may send a proxy with your child's filled collection tube. Please be sure the bag containing the tube is clearly labeled with the student's name.

The barcode and identifying individual association will only be used by the School if required for additional testing or contact tracing. **No identifying information will be shared with Mirimus Labs. Strict confidentiality and limited MBS-only access will be maintained to protect the privacy of all individuals.**

STEP 4: The same day, the collected samples will be couriered to the lab for testing. The lab will then test the samples using "pooled testing," meaning the lab will group individual samples into batches of approximately 24. A small amount of each individual sample in the batch will be mixed together to create a combined pooled sample.

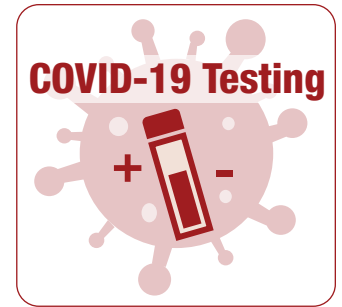
- If COVID-19 is not detected in the combined pooled sample, no further action is required.
- If COVID-19 is detected in the combined pooled sample, the lab will conduct additional testing to narrow down which sample(s) were positive. Due to current regulations regarding observed sample collection for individual diagnostics, the specificity with which Mirimus is



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allowed to report is limited to a pair of samples (i.e., a sample containing a mix of two saliva samples). The barcodes associated with that pair of saliva samples will be reported to the school.

- School Nurse, Bridget Marcato, will reach out to the pool associated with COVID-19 detection. Out of an abundance of caution, at first the pool will be required to isolate, and then once the pool is narrowed down to a pair, both individuals will be contacted by the third-party physician working on behalf of Mirimus to provide consent for them to determine which individual tested positive.
- The individual who tested positive will be contacted directly by the third-party physician with their test results. The faculty/staff member should notify Bridget Marcato, School Nurse, promptly of the results and MBS will engage in contact tracing in cooperation with the Department of Health. Any additional individuals identified as having had meaningful close contact with the potentially positive COVID-19 cases will be required to quarantine for 14 days.



FAQ:

What is pooled testing?

Rather than test each individual student and employee separately, a time- and resource-intensive process, samples can be combined—or pooled—to cut down on the number of tests. Mirimus technology tests 24 samples at once; if one sample within a pool tests positive, the entire pool is flagged for further testing.

Where will the pooled tests be administered?

Saliva samples will be collected at home and delivered to campus the same morning. After all samples are received on campus, they will be delivered via courier to Mirimus Labs in Brooklyn, NY.

When and how will we hear about the results of testing?

Individuals who are identified as potentially positive for COVID-19 will be immediately contacted by a third party physician working on behalf of Mirimus. Any additional individuals identified through the contact tracing process will also be reached.

How quickly will we get back the results?

Pool results will be available within 24-48 hours of sample submission.

What happens to the samples after they have been tested?

Samples are destroyed by the lab after one week.

What are the costs associated with the test?

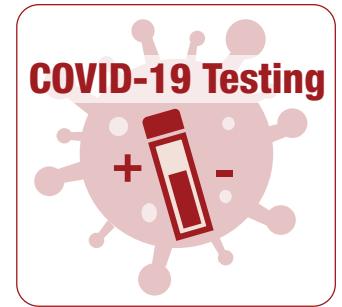
MBS is covering the cost. Families and employees are responsible for the cost of any other COVID-19 tests they may choose to get, including potential follow-ups resulting from the Mirimus test.

Is there a potential for false positives?

Please note that the test cannot be guaranteed to be 100% accurate. False positives are possible but rare. The test utilized by Mirimus Labs detects three different unique viral RNA templates. For a positive result, at least two RNA templates must be detected. The protocols used substantially decrease the likelihood of false positives by detecting dead viral particles.

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Where can I find an external COVID-19 testing site?

Local testing sites can be found online at New Jersey's COVID-19 test site finder.
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites>

What if my child will be unable to be on campus on distribution day?

If your child will be remote or unable to be on campus for test kit distribution, your child or a designated proxy may collect a testing kit from the nurse.

What if my child has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 (i.e., tested) in the last 3 months?

If your child has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 3 months, please submit a doctor's note confirming such to the nurses in place of submitting a saliva sample for testing.

May I provide test results from an independent PCR (polymerase chain reaction) COVID-19 test instead of taking the MBS COVID-19 test?

Yes, you may choose to submit results from an independent PCR (polymerase chain reaction) COVID-19 test administered within 48 hours of the most recent MBS sample collection instead of taking our test.

Please note that an antigen test is not an acceptable alternative to a PCR test. You will be responsible for any costs associated with obtaining a COVID-19 test from a source other than MBS. You must submit your child's test results directly to the nurse.

If MBS tests the community, do we still need to wear masks, social distance, etc.?

The implementation of the pool tests is intended to supplement and not supplant the other safety actions on campus (e.g. mask wearing, frequent hand washing, social distancing). Using pool testing in addition to following safety recommendations will help MBS students and faculty minimize health issues related to COVID-19 and dramatically reduce the number of people who are COVID-positive on campus.

How is user privacy ensured?

There will be no transmission of any personal information in connection with a student test sample. Your saliva samples will be used for COVID-19 testing only. Only approved MBS administrators will be able to view all pool results. Mirimus will never know the identity of those being tested, as they only receive bar coded vials.