

**Quinsigamond Community College**  
**COVID-19 Testing and Surveillance Protocol**  
**Spring 2021**

Dear Colleagues,

The College wishes to advise all members of the community of surveillance testing plans for January and February 2021. This plan is in compliance with and exceeds the directives of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts Higher Education COVID-19 Working Group and the local Department of Health. There will be an announcement on the status of any changes to the surveillance testing protocol by February 15.

QCC has established a partnership with The Broad Institute for COVID-19 surveillance testing and has hired additional employees to facilitate this process. The College is strongly recommending that all employees who are regularly scheduled to work on campus take advantage of this surveillance testing program. The College is mandating that all students who are on campus for in-person labs or other learning experiences take part in the surveillance testing protocol.

“Regularly scheduled” employees are those individuals who are scheduled to work on campus more than one day per week and regularly interact with others. Data collected through contact tracing will help the College to inform those who may have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual. COVID-19 testing and surveillance will be administered by the COVID-19 Health Team. It is recommended that regularly scheduled employees be tested, preferably 48-72 hours prior to working a normally scheduled shift on campus.

**Specific information regarding the location and availability of testing will be provided to those regularly scheduled employees and students as applicable.**

Completing a scheduled testing regimen along with contact tracing assists in keeping everyone in our College Community as safe as possible. If you meet the criteria for testing, are scheduled to be on campus, and are interested in participating in the surveillance testing, please send an email to [covid19@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:covid19@qcc.mass.edu).

Thank you!

Wishing you continued good health,

The COVID-19 Health Team