

Alabama Community College System / Wallace Community College – Dothan (WCCD)
COVID-19 Random Testing
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As you may know, we have worked diligently to keep you abreast of developments relating to COVID-19 and its impact on our College. With that in mind, we are notifying you that the Alabama Community College System and Wallace Community College – Dothan (WCCD) are preparing to utilize COVID-19 testing services through the University of Alabama (UAB) GuideSafe™ Platform, powered by UAB to provide local testing services. As part of this effort, UAB will **randomly** select community college students and employees to participate in COVID-19 testing each week in the near future. You need to know the following about this testing service:

1. To support a safe and healthy environment at WCCD, we are implementing sentinel testing across our campuses for students who are enrolled in hybrid classes (hybrid means you are required to report to campus at least once for your class) and employees who report to campus for work on a regular basis. Students enrolled in strictly online classes are not included. Faculty teaching all online classes are also not included.
2. Sentinel testing is a **random** sampling of identified asymptomatic faculty, staff and students to understand the underlying prevalence of infection at our college so we can respond promptly to any outbreaks or increases in infection rates.
3. If you fall into the identified group as noted in number one (1) above, you are **strongly encouraged, but not required** to participate in testing. There will be **no penalty** for those who choose to opt out.
4. UAB will conduct sentinel testing on the Dothan Campus only.
5. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 12 weeks, please do not retest if asked to do so. If you are having symptoms or have a recent exposure, please follow our College Health and Safety Plan, and do not participate in sentinel testing. The details regarding the Health and Safety Plan are included as reminders:
 - If students or employees are diagnosed with COVID-19, they must stay home for the recommended 10-day period that they are considered to be contagious. Students (enrolled in hybrid classes) should contact their instructors immediately to report COVID-19 related illnesses. All employees should contact their immediate supervisor who will report to their dean.
 - Any suspected cases will be immediately reported to appropriate authorities.
 - The College will notify all faculty, staff and students who have come in contact with any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 so that they may be tested if needed. Any student, faculty, or staff testing positive for COVID-19 must provide documentation reflecting they are cleared to return to class and/or work.
 - If individuals are sick, they are encouraged to stay at home until symptoms subside and/or seek medical attention if needed.

We are giving you advance notice so you will be on the lookout for additional information regarding sentinel testing. If you are included in one of the selected groups as noted in item one (1) above, you may be notified via an email from Healthy@Verily.com providing you additional information regarding the testing process. Please read the information and respond accordingly. Remember, your participation in this process, **if you are randomly selected**, is totally voluntary and not required.

We will provide additional information as soon as it is received. I hope you and your family remain safe and healthy. Thanks!