

Surveillance Testing

The “Contact Tracing and Quarantine” protocol outlines Barton’s approach to testing, tracing, and quarantine in instances when a person is exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID or has been exposed to someone with a positive COVID-19 test result.

Barton College reserves the right on its own, or with the advice of health and athletic professionals, to test persons who do not exhibit symptoms of COVID or have not been knowingly exposed to someone with COVID as part of the contact tracing process. Such testing, referred to as “Surveillance Testing,” may be employed either randomly or in advance of particular events, such as athletic competitions against teams from other schools.

The Student Health Center, in consultation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs and other campus leaders, may determine whether to test an entire population (all of the members of an athletics team or all of the residents of a particular residence hall, for instance), or whether to test a sample of a population (certain members of a sports team, or a random selection from among the campus community, for instance). Surveillance testing, whether done by population or sample, may include students, staff, faculty, or contractors of the College. A person may refuse to be surveillance tested, but such a request immediately removes that person from participation in any activity which requires a surveillance test.

The college may use surveillance testing to check the effectiveness of its protocols, to evaluate its testing systems, to support policies set by athletics and health department partners, to investigate the potential spread of asymptomatic infection in the campus community, or for other purposes congruent with the College’s mission.

While awaiting the results of a surveillance test, students, staff, and faculty are not required to isolate.

Any positive COVID tests as a result of surveillance testing immediately trigger the “Contact Tracing and Quarantine” protocol.

Except when required to surveillance test by health or athletic organizations, Barton is not obligated to surveillance test students, staff, or faculty.