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**Subject:** Guidance on Submitting Temporary Exemptions from Second Weekly Testing

Hello Medical Students,

I've seen a lot of confusion regarding submitting exemptions for second weekly testing. Please note, all medical students are still required to test every seven days, however, main campus has approved exemption from second weekly testing for all vaccinated students. Thus, if you are 2+ weeks out from your final COVID-19 vaccine, you may submit for exemption from a second weekly testing. Because main campus still needs to monitor day-seven testing compliance, you must **submit your exemption for your second weekly testing time-frame/window only**. This means you will need to submit for exemption weekly during the campus' twice weekly testing mandate.

- **Submit a Temporary Exemption** (semester-long exemptions for second weekly testing will be denied)
- **Guidance re: submitting your exemption:** Since you must test every seven days, if you test today, for example, your next test should be scheduled for April 01. Thus, your exemption would be submitted for 3/26 – 3/31 to cover the second weekly testing window/time-frame. If you tested yesterday, your temporary exemption for second weekly testing would be 3/25 – 3/30, and so on... simply put
- **Script for Second Weekly Testing Exemption:** "I've completed a full COVID-19 Vaccination cycle (2+ weeks out from final/only vaccination dose) and I am requesting exemption from my second weekly test. I will continue to test every seven days, per University protocols."
- **Broken Form?/Tech Tears?** If you run into any issues submitting your exemption, please do not hesitate to reach out to your exemption reviewer. We can submit an exemption on your behalf if/when tech barriers exist to submitting the form. We are here to support your successful compliance to the campus protocols wherever and whenever we can.

We hope our community will return to safe levels soon, and I look forward to celebrating lifted restrictions, policies and guidelines, as the campus determines when it is safe to do so. Thank you so much for your ongoing engagement in these procedures. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We are happy to help where and when we can.

Best,  
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**UVM COVID-19 Student Testing Protocol:** All students who are on-campus/in-person (UVMCC and/or UVM-VT) and/or who live in Burlington, South Burlington or Winooski and who do not have a testing exemption must engage in [UVM COVID-19 surveillance testing \(Green & Gold Promise; verify your permanent address reflects your real location in myUVM\)](#).

- **Schedule Your Test with CoVerified:** We all hate waiting in lines. Fortunately, there's an app for that. The best way people can [help us keep lines shorter is by making an appointment via the CoVerified app before showing up](#).
- **Vermont Travel Guidelines:** All students must still continue to adhere to [state and local health and safety guidelines, including travel and quarantine requirements](#). If you enter a travel-mandated

quarantine and you are not experiencing any symptoms, you can secure your day-seven test via the Davis Center clinic (counts as a UVM surveillance test, too!).

- **COVID-19 Vaccine:** As COVID-19 vaccine distribution occurs, we recognize there are many questions. For answers to emerging questions, the university has developed a [COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A page that will be updated throughout the semester](#). Please note, this page does not currently host vaccine availability/distribution information.
- **Exemption Requests:** If you are away and will therefore miss the 7-9 day testing window, you must [submit a temporary exemption request](#). If you fall under "required to test" guidelines and still feel you should be exempt, please include extenuating circumstance in your exemption request form to help expedite processing.
  - *One request can cover multiple weeks!* Exemption should end the day you plan to return to campus.
  - You must use your [netID@uvm.edu](mailto:netID@uvm.edu) email address/Outlook account to enter the UVM portal and sign-into the request tool (UVM Credentials); this might require you to log out of your MED Outlook or open a guest window/profile in Chrome to use a browser without your remembered MED credentials.
  - You cannot step onto VT/UVMVC campus(es) during an exemption window. However, an exemption will not block you from testing at the Davis Center.
  - **Approved exemptions include:**
    - "I am enrolled in clinical rotations occurring outside of Chittenden County with no intention of physically visiting the UVM or UVM Medical Center campus(es)."
    - "I will miss testing due to essential travel or extenuating circumstances (**briefly** describe circumstances)"
    - "I do not attend in-person curriculum at UVM-VT and/or the UVMVC campus(es), and I am not living, meeting or socializing with any student, faculty or staff who is going to either campus(es)."
    - **SPECIAL APPROVAL FOR 2nd Weekly Testing Exemption Only (exemption should frame second testing cycle with exemption end date to land on your day-seven test):** "I've completed a full COVID-19 Vaccination cycle (2 doses and 2+ weeks out from second dose)"
- [UVM Weekly Testing Report](#)

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