

From: [Hallquist, Kiersten L](#)
To: [StudentCOMServices](#)
Subject: Clinical Level UVM COVID-19 Testing Protocols
Date: Thursday, August 6, 2020 8:19:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Lovely Clinical Level Students,

We know the past week of communications regarding the UVM COVID-19 Testing Protocols have been a bit confusing for many of us, and especially for you, having been on campus for over a month (and over two for some of you).

Thank you so much for reaching out to us and working with the university to support their system designed to protect our campus and community.

Earlier today, I met with an incredibly dedicated UVM team, who is working to ensure you have your zero-day testing ready and waiting for you, next Friday. They are working around the clock to meet the state's health mandates associated with re-opening for in-person curriculum, this fall. It's truly an impressive endeavor, and I know I am grateful for all of this work you and our amazing staff are doing to keep our campus and community safe. We sincerely appreciate your patience as we launch this unprecedented and very new programming.

The UVM Strong Fall 2020 team working to roll out our 5-day, zero-day, and seven-day testing clinics recognize your level of training and preparation you've already undergone prior to returning to campus and the extra level of precautions and procedures you are taking daily, as members of the clinical environment. They do not wish interrupt your medical education already underway simply to roll out this new campus-wide endeavor for all students ASAP. We were able to officially delay your roll out/incorporation into the campus-wide testing procedures until the systems are fully operational with all students.

I can confirm that failing to complete the [COVID-19 Safety Training and Green & Gold Promise](#) and adhering to the testing protocol (5-day, day-zero, seven-day, and ongoing testing) can result in a deactivated UVM CATCard. However, **this does not CURRENTLY apply to our clinical level students.**

We currently plan to launch you in the UVM COVID-19 testing protocol and process between 8/31 and 9/4. We will provide more details as the team finalizes the full process, days, times for you. If you already requested your 5-day test, that's great; don't worry. Simply complete the test when it arrives. If you've been reading emails and thinking "yeah, but this totally doesn't apply to us – we've been here for a bit," that's cool, too! We will provide you with a clear timeline you will need to meet to ensure you do not lose your CATCard access to buildings with fair warning.

That being said, if you are feeling bored and want to test your VOSHA skills, you can complete the [COVID-19 Safety Training and Green & Gold Promise](#) at any time and this will “count” if/when the chips fall for our clinical level.

We hope this is reassuring and helpful. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions.

Kind regards and so much appreciation for you,
Kiersten

Kiersten Hallquist, M.Ed.

Student Services Coordinator
Office of Medical Student Education
The Larner College of Medicine at The University of Vermont
89 Beaumont Avenue
Given Courtyard N-100
Burlington, VT 05405
Office: 802-656-8648
Fax: 802-656-9377
kiersten.hallquist@med.uvm.edu
med.uvm.edu/mededucation
Personal pronoun: She/Her



[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Blog](#)

This e-mail message is intended solely for the individual or entity to which it is addressed and may contain confidential, proprietary and/or privileged material. Any review, retransmission, dissemination or other use of this information by persons or entities other than the intended recipient is prohibited. If you have received this e-mail in error, please contact the sender and delete the material from your computer.

From: StudentCOMServices <StudentCOMServices@med.uvm.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 7:49 PM
To: Hallquist, Kiersten L <Kiersten.Hallquist@med.uvm.edu>
Subject: Fw: Additional Information re: UVM Return to Campus Protocols

From: StudentCOMServices
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 11:48 AM
To: StudentCOMServices <StudentCOMServices@med.uvm.edu>
Cc: COVID Test <COVIDTest@uvm.edu>
Subject: Additional Information re: UVM Return to Campus Protocols

Hello Students,

Thank you so much for maintaining close communication with us. More importantly, thank you so much for your dedication to supporting UVM procedures to ensure the safety of our campus and greater Burlington Community.

We also appreciate the opportunity to provide additional information and support:

- Medical students are the first in returning to campus and thus to run the UVM COVID-19 testing process; OMSE is working closely with UVM Strong Fall 2020 teams in communicating feedback and challenges with the system as our students work to meet deadlines/requirements. We are all trying our best with what we are given, which invites patience and compassion with everyone working hard to ensure students return to in-person education safely while also protecting the local Burlington Community.
- As long as students do the following, they can return to campus for in-person instruction:
 - Follow/adhere to state travel guidelines and requirements (both any relevant home-state guidelines and the [Vermont State Travel requirements](#) (rules within your control and provided in advance of start dates), which includes the negative COVID-19 test results within the 14 day quarantine, and/or completing the 14-day quarantine.
 - Complete the [COVID-19 Safety Training and Green & Gold Promise](#) no later than the day prior to stepping back onto campus – takes no more than 20 minutes. Training is successfully completed with a 100% on the final quiz.
 - Are NOT experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Fever 100.4F or over
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain

- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Do what they can to meet the UVM-specific COVID-19 testing procedures/requirements (whatever is in the realm of your control – i.e. requesting the 24hr delivery test to arrive within five days, attending day-zero testing clinic if in place when you arrive). **If/when a hiccup/issue is discovered, students should report this to COVIDTest@uvm.edu**
 - You should take the mailed Vault home-test as soon as it arrives, as it is mandatory, even if the timing does not work for you to get the results before you arrive on campus
 - Currently, the COVID-19 Safety Training and Vault COVID-19 testing systems are connected to CATCard access as part of an impressive automated monitoring system to hold all UVM students accountable to the testing protocol. We are working diligently to protect our Medical Students from errors as these new systems become fully operational. Please [let us know ASAP](#) should any CATcard changes occur. We are available to address any issues arising from any automated-system errors/misunderstandings.

Please let us know if you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance.

Best regards,

The Medical Student Services Team

Office of Medical Student Education
The Larner College of Medicine at The University of Vermont
89 Beaumont Avenue
Given Courtyard N-100
Burlington, VT 05405
Office: 802-656-0722
Fax: 802-656-9377
StudentCOMServices@med.uvm.edu
med.uvm.edu/student-services



[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Blog](#)

This e-mail message is intended solely for the individual or entity to which it is addressed and may contain confidential, proprietary and/or privileged material. Any review, retransmission, dissemination or other use of this information by persons or entities other than the intended recipient is prohibited. If you have received this e-mail in error, please contact the sender and delete the material from your computer.