COVID-19 Testing FAQ

What kind of COVID test is being offered?

- The COVID-19 tests being offered today are by Curative, Inc. These tests are PCR tests.

How effective is this test?

- Curative, Inc. has stated the sensitivity at >90%.

Who is able to utilize the Curative testing at Student Health Services/A.P. Beutel Health Center?

- TAMU students, faculty and staff are able to utilize this testing option. Registration for a testing time window can be found here: https://tx.ag/COVIDtest. Walk-ups are not currently allowed, and all individuals must register for a testing time window in advance.

What will the testing process look like?

- First, register online to get a testing time window. You will then receive a link for a video teaching the collection process. Then, check in at the testing site during your testing window. At the testing site, you will then be issued into the testing area for the mouth swab. The entire testing collection process typically takes less than 3 minutes.

Where are the testing events located?

- The Curative testing events are held in the white tent located in the SHS Parking Lot (Lot 27). Limited parking is available in Lot 27 for clients at this time. It is recommended that individuals utilizing SHS and/or the testing tent park in Lot 30E. To access the testing tent, please utilize Military Walk. Once you arrive at the tent, please practice physical distancing by waiting on the marked steps near the tent.

Is there a cost associated with Curative testing?

- The Texas A&M University System has purchased a large allotment of Curative testing capacity to be utilized throughout the fall semester. There is no cost for individuals being tested at this time.

How long do results take, and how can I access them?

- Results take 36-48 hours during the week, but there may be a delay on tests done late in the day on Fridays. Results are sent to the email you provided during registration, and will be sent from Curative, Inc.
What should I do if I think I may be positive and am awaiting results?

- If you have a positive close contact or you have symptoms, please follow quarantine instructions from the CDC. Find these instructions here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html

What happens if I receive a positive test result?

- Seek emergency medical care immediately if you show any of these signs: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face.

For now, stay in isolation in your residence and away from other people. Follow the CDC guidance for home isolation. Representatives from the Department of State Health Services will be calling soon. Their number may indicate "unknown" on your phone, but go ahead and answer it. They will give you more information about isolation duration and also ask about your close contacts. Gather the following information to have ready when they call: how you may have been exposed, recent attendance at events (gyms, bars, salons, events such as houses of worship, sporting events, classes), household members, and close contacts (less than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes).

You are required to self-report to the university through https://redcap.tamhsc.edu/surveys/?s=4HAMAHC98D. This act of Selfless Service will help the university to understand and control the virus on campus and also give you help through the Division of Student Affairs.

Can I get tested for COVID more than once?

- You can get tested for COVID more than once, if needed.

How often are the testing events held?

- For all available testing events, please visit https://tx.ag/COVIDtest. Registration for each event typically opens 24-48 hours in advance.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

- Please contact SHS Patient Services at patientservices@shs.tamu.edu or (979) 458-8310.