

COVID Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the process of on campus testing?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bmIFsNOLIQ>

*Note that some of the processes have changed (for example, you DO receive a notice of your negative test) but the procedure of how the testing is done remains the same.

Who has to be tested weekly?

All unvaccinated athletes, dancers, faculty and staff, junior/senior nursing students, student workers/work study, and theatre members that are in current productions

What if I've had one shot but still need to get the second shot?

You are considered unvaccinated until you are FULLY vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means two weeks past your second shot (Pfizer and Moderna) or two weeks past your only shot (Johnson & Johnson).

What do I do if I'm vaccinated?

Scan or take a picture of your completed proof of vaccination and send it to covidtesting@belhaven.edu .

What if I've received a booster?

Scan or take a picture of your proof of vaccination with the booster added to it and send your proof again to covidtesting@belhaven.edu .

How is this information stored?

All vaccination and COVID testing information is stored on a dedicated and secure server that few people have access to.

May I still be tested if I'm vaccinated?

You may be tested weekly if you are vaccinated but wish to be tested. You will need to make an appointment, but you will NOT have to quarantine if you miss your appointment.

How do I make an appointment?



Download the iAttended app from your app store (app is free). Then go to “enter code” and enter 9R31. All appointments should show up. Click on the day you would like your appointment and click on the blue sentence at the top to register for that day.

What time is my appointment?

Once you schedule your appointment for a particular day, you can come at any time between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm for your appointment.

What happens if I'm required to be tested and miss my appointment?

You will be considered to be in quarantine until you are tested.

What if I need to change my appointment day?

Click on the day you are registered for and click the blue sentence at the top to de-register yourself for that day. Then you can click on the day you want and register for that day.

What if I missed an appointment and there are no more testing times for the rest of the week in the Belhaven COVID Testing Center?

You will either remain in quarantine or you may test at an outside facility (there are many free testing facilities) and send proof of your negative test to covidtesting@belhaven.edu.

What if I'm exhibiting COVID symptoms?

You may continue to test in the Belhaven Testing Center if you have minor symptoms (stuffy nose, cough, headache, etc.). You may NOT test if you are vomiting, have lost your taste and/or smell, have fever and/or chills. If this is the case you will need to do the following:

Go to Blazenet > Student Forms > COVID-19 Symptomatic Form

A testing center employee will make you an appointment (at the MEA location on Old Canton Road in Jackson, MS) and will contact you with your appointment time.

What are the symptoms of COVID?

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms.

What if I would like to make my own COVID appointment at my preferred doctor/clinic?

You are welcome to make your own appointment with your preferred doctor or clinic. Please email the COVID testing center (covidtesting@belhaven.edu) to let them know you are being tested and what the results of that test are.

What if I have come into contact with someone who is COVID positive?

Contact the COVID testing center (covidtesting@belhaven.edu) to let them know. They will have questions about your last contact date and vaccination status. They will let you know how long you should quarantine for and will put you on the official quarantine list that gets sent out to all professors.

What if I'm symptomatic and get COVID tested on my own?

Send a picture of your results to the COVID testing center (covidtesting@belhaven.edu). Someone will be in contact with you to conduct contact tracing, to discuss isolation dates, and to put you on the official isolation list that gets sent out to all professors.

Who is required to quarantine if they come into contact with a COVID positive person?

Belhaven University follows the guidelines of the CDC and the MS Dept. of Health. These guidelines state that:

If you:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Are unvaccinated

Then:

Stay home for 5 days.

After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

Test on day 5. *If you develop symptoms get tested that day and stay home*

If you:

Have been boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

Then:

Wear a mask around others for 10 days.

Test on day 5. *If you develop symptoms get a test that day and stay home.*

If I need to be isolated/quarantined, what is the protocol?

If you are a commuter, you will isolate/quarantine at home. If you are a residential student that lives within a safe driving distance, we also ask that you isolate/quarantine at home. If you need to isolate/quarantine on campus, isolation/quarantine rooms are provided and meals from the dining commons will be delivered to you.

What is considered to be “close contact”?

Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask.

Where is Belhaven’s COVID testing center located?

In the brown building between Fitzhugh and the library.

If I am COVID positive, how many days should I isolate?

You must isolate for a minimum of 5 days. If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you may be released from isolation. If you have a fever, continue to stay in isolation until you have had no fever for the previous 24 hours (without fever reducing medication). You will need to continue to wear a mask around others (indoors and outdoors) for 5 additional days.

If I have been COVID positive, do I have to receive a negative COVID test before returning to normal activities?

No, you do not have to receive a negative COVID test to return to normal activities as long as you have followed the COVID isolation guidelines above.

If I have had COVID, do I still need to be vaccinated?

Research has not yet shown how long you are protected from getting COVID-19 again after you recover from COVID-19. Vaccination and boosters help to protect you even if you’ve already had COVID-19.

If I would like to be vaccinated, how long do I have to wait after being positive for COVID to be vaccinated?

You do not have to wait to receive the vaccine once you have fully recovered from your illness and have met the criteria for discontinuing isolation. *If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine.* Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine. If you have a history of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in adults or children ([MIS-A](#) or [MIS-C](#)), consider delaying vaccination until you have recovered from being sick and for 90 days after the date of diagnosis of MIS-A or MIS-C.