

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions & Answers for NMT Spring 2021 On-campus Students

1. **Question:** Does the recent Mandatory Student Check-in and COVID-19 safety protocol only applies to students enrolled in spring 2021 on-campus classes/labs?

Answer: The return to campus protocol applies to any enrolled student who wants to come to campus between January 13 and January 29, 2021, for any student support services, meetings, or visits. Any student, seen on campus during this time without their issued Health Compliance Certificate (HCC) and designated lanyard will be asked to leave campus and properly check-in and obtain the required clearance items. Any student failing to comply or continually trying to circumvent this safety procedure may be subject to student disciplinary action.

2. **Question:** I understand that there is a rapid test requirement, as part of this mandatory on-campus student check-in process, but what if I have already been recently tested?

Answer: Any student employee who has already received a local rapid test in the last week as required by their supervisor, will not be required to receive another test as long as they have continued to follow related safety precaution in the meantime. This was a requirement for student employment prior to Jan. 13. The mandatory on-campus check-in process was established for new and returning students starting the new academic semester, especially after the long winter break.

Even students who have already received a rapid test as instructed by their supervisors still need to check-in, and answer a few more questions, but are not required to be tested unless they want to be retested. They just need to complete the Online Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ), sign-up for a Drive-thru & Walk-up Check-in date and time, and show up for their designated time slot. At that time these students should inform the check-in attendant that they have already received the recent local rapid test and show them the negative confirmation document. They would then receive the HCC and designated lanyard that is required for the first two weeks of school (through Jan. 29).

Other students who have been recently tested at other venues will still need to officially check-in and receive the required rapid test. The rapid test performed on the day of their check-in will help to ensure our students COVID-19 free when they are reporting to campus for the start of the spring semester.

3. **Question:** How do I check-in after the first day of classes on January 19, 2021?

Answer: The Mandatory Spring 2021 On-campus Student Check-in Process is to help minimize the spread of the pandemic. The process including the 7-days of opportunity to participate in one of the Drive-thru & Walk-up Check-in events should be convenient enough to service most of our on-campus students. Any student who is unable or not willing to go through the established process, will not be permitted on-campus for any reason until they officially check-in as mandated.

Undergraduate students who do need to check-in after Jan. 19th need to contact the Dean of Students (deanofstudents@nmt.edu or 575-5953 or 575-835-5880) and graduate students should

contact the Graduate Dean of Students (graduate@nmt.edu or 575-835-6432 or 575-835-5513) to make arrangements to get a local rapid test, be cleared to return to campus and receive their HCC and lanyard. Local rapid testing can be made by appointment at two local sources:

Positive Outcomes (testing by appointment only, 575-838-7630)

- Tuesday 10am-3pm
- Wednesday 10am
- Thursday 10am-3pm
- Friday 10am-3pm.

Bhasker Medical Clinic (testing by appointment only, 575-835-2940, ext. 21)

- Monday-Thursday, 11am-4pm by appointment only

As an alternative, these late students can make an appointment to be tested at any in-state COVID-19 location after on January 19, and provide negative test results to the Dean of Students or Dean of Graduate Students within two days of receiving the results. These students will need to plan according if they want to check-in through this method.

4. **Question:** I am an out-of-state student and have been self-isolating in my on-campus housing accommodation since Jan. 4th, do I need to get tested and check-in?

Answer: These students should have already made arrangements with Res. Life regarding proper housing check-in, self-isolation duration, support, and meal delivery. These students need to make arrangements with the Residential Life Office (residential_life@nmt.edu or 575-835-5900) to conduct a follow-up health screening at the conclusion of the 14-day self-isolation and receive their HCC and lanyard from Res. Life.

Out-of-state commuter students living off-campus who need to self-isolate or those commuter students who recently left the state need to continue their self-isolation for 14-days. After which time, they can complete the mandatory check-in process through Jan. 19, or check-in after Jan. 19, utilizing the method explained above in answer #3.