



Summer at Emerson 2021: Weekly COVID-19 Testing

Questions and Answers

Where will on-campus and drive-thru testing take place?

All on-campus and drive-thru testing will take place on-site at Emerson School. Drive-thru testing will be done outdoors in the Emerson School parking lot. On-campus testing will take place inside the building.

Who will be completing the testing on-site at Emerson School?

Sample collection will be overseen and/or administered by Samantha Ragay-Litchard, our Summer at Emerson Medical Assistant.

How does drive-thru testing work?

For drive-thru testing, families will drive into the Emerson School parking lot as they would for drop-off and pick-up, pull up to the designated location, and Samantha will give you your testing kit. All families will remain in their car the entire time. We ask parents and caregivers of younger children (Grades Y5-3) to complete nasal swabbing for their children, under the supervision of our staff. Testing protocols will be provided in advance to ensure this is done properly. Students in Grades 4-8 may do their own nasal swabbing, again with supervision of staff. Should any family wish to have an Emerson staff member complete collection for them, they may request Samantha to do so.

How does on-campus testing work?

On-campus testing will only be given to campers who are already in the building and attending camp on a testing day. This will be for campers who will be attending multiple weeks of camp. For on-campus tests, our Medical Assistant will go around to each camp and assist with each camper's test.

Do I need to register a specific time for testing?

No. All drive-thru testing will occur on a drop-in basis during a specific window of time on the drive-thru testing dates. This time frame will be sent in a separate communication prior to camp starting. All on-campus testing will be conducted during the hours of camp.

How much does testing cost?

Families will be billed \$35.00 for each test completed. This charge will be billed to your UltraCamp account at the end of each week. There are no sibling discounts.

Who will be analyzing the testing results?

Samples will be analyzed at the RapidBio lab located in Plymouth, Michigan. This is a CLIA certified lab capable of doing highly thorough PCR viral sequencing for the detection of COVID-19 viral RNA. Samples will be processed through a standard diagnostic process with results analyzed by RapidBio and reported to Summer at Emerson.

How are samples collected?

The samples are collected via a soft, nasal swab. The swab is inserted just into the anterior part of the nose (nares). The swab is swirled around the lower part of each nostril several times.

How much discomfort is experienced with this sort of testing?

There is minimal discomfort in the collection process as the sample is collected from the lower part of the nostril, below any point of resistance in the nose.

How accurate is the testing?

The test is greater than 99% accurate at detecting the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and is the most sensitive method available for testing.

How will I receive test results?

We anticipate receiving test results roughly 24-48 hours after tests are sent to RapidBio. In the event that there is a positive test result for a camper, we will first contact the family to notify them individually. After contacting the family, we will then communicate with staff and families regarding a positive case. We will then provide information as to any changes to our instruction required as a result.

What is done with the information collected?

RapidBio will report sample results to Summer at Emerson and will send anonymized data to the appropriate State of Michigan public health agency. As for the camp's part, we are required to notify county officials of the name of any individual who receives positive test results. We will follow our standard communication format of notifying the general community of any positive case. For a positive camper result, we will notify the family of the child directly. For a positive employee result, we will notify the employee directly. Information will not be shared with any other party, including any health insurance agency. We will seek to maintain the individual's privacy and only notify those with a legitimate need to know for the safety of the camp.

What privacy protections are in place?

RapidBio is a HIPPA compliant facility. All protected health information (PHI) is physically obliterated. Patient and sample data are retained in the company's HIPPA compliant database.

What happens when there's a positive result for a student or employee during the summer?

For any COVID-19 positive camper or employee case during the summer, our Summer Medical Assistant will immediately contact the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD), and we will follow their guidance regarding return to camp, contact tracing, and extent of camp closure. They will lead the investigation and provide direction for the camp. The camp will cordon off any indoor area(s) the camper

was present, including bathrooms, classrooms, etc. These areas will be closed for 24 hours before they are cleaned and disinfected. We will follow all protocols relating to cleaning and disinfecting the affected areas of the building after a COVID-19 exposure/incident. The Director will notify the entire Summer at Emerson community of a positive case, without identifying the individual, within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result. The Director will notify parents with campers in the same camp as the sick child that their camp is cancelled and issue a full refund to all families. Any such camper or employee who was in contact with the positive individual will be required to quarantine for 10-14 days following the positive test, assuming that the case is mild. For any individual who is hospitalized, the quarantine period will be 20 days.

If my child has recovered from COVID-19, will testing still be required, given that there can be false positives for up to three months after recovery?

Any child or employee who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has since recovered will be exempt for a period of no more than three months from testing at Emerson so long as they do not present symptoms. Proof of positive recovery will be required prior to exemption being granted.