

Volunteers needed for Marquette University COVID-19 testing validation Study!

The Marquette University Medical Clinic in conjunction with the Marquette University COVID Response Team is looking for Marquette faculty, staff, and students to help us with a small validation study, as we establish on-campus coronavirus testing for the Fall 2020 semester.

What does that mean?

We are looking for volunteers *without symptoms* to be tested for the virus that causes COVID-19. The test will be done by the clinical lab sciences department of Marquette. This is a “molecular test” that will test for pieces of the genetic material of the coronavirus.

How do you do that?

We will take a nasopharyngeal swab (deep in the nose) *and* we will show you how to do your own nasal swab (front part of the nose) for the study.

When is it?

Wednesday August 5th 9AM-12PM and 1PM-4PM

Where is it?

We will be obtaining the samples at the south entrance to Straz Tower (915 West Wisconsin Avenue) under the overhang. You can arrive by car or on foot at your appointment time.

Do I need an appointment?

Yes. Please email a contact phone number to Jen Schnuck at MUMC (jennifer.schnuck@marquette.edu) between now and August 3th. She will be contacting the volunteers as soon as they respond to set up the appointments and fill out a brief questionnaire over the phone.

What do I need to bring to the appointment?

Please wear a cloth face covering or mask and bring your MU ID.

Is there a limit to the number of tests that you are doing?

Yes. We are only able to offer approximately 100 tests currently. If you are not contacted for this first validation study, we will keep your contact information on file, and you may be contacted if a further validation study is needed.

Will I be paid for my participation?

No.

Will I have access to the results?

Yes. We will contact you by the end of the day Friday August 7th with the results.

Are my results confidential?

Yes, however positive results will be reported to the health department as COVID-19 is a reportable condition.

What will I need to do if the test is positive?

If your test is positive, you will need to start home isolation. We will go over this with you in detail, if needed.

Thanks for your help!