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## **RF-Employees: University at Albany CAMPUS ADVISORY**

To All UAlbany Research Foundation Employees,

As you may be aware, the University at Albany has implemented a pooled surveillance testing program on all of its campuses. Most faculty and staff at the University are already participating in this program along with all on-campus students.

The University is now expanding this testing program to include employees of any University-related entity who are coming onto any UAlbany campus for any reason from this point forward. This includes all facilities leased by the University or Research Foundation.

This program requires a weekly saliva-based test for all employees. Employees must pick up a test kit at a campus location, register the test kit online and then place saliva into a small tube. The tube sample is then placed into a supplied and identified plastic baggie and deposited by the employee into one of seven collection boxes located on all three University campuses on their designated test day of the week. If an employee is not on campus the day of their scheduled test sample submittal, they should submit the test sample the next time they are on campus.

Anyone who comes back presumed positive for COVID-19 will be notified to then self-quarantine immediately and have a diagnostic COVID-19 PCR test at either the state testing site on campus, their personal doctor or any other location conducting such testing. The employee is then required to report back any positive test results to RF Human Resources.

Again, participation in this testing program is mandatory for any employee of any University related entity who is coming to any UAlbany facility for the remainder of the Fall 2020 semester, during intersession between the fall and spring semesters

and through at least the Spring 2021 semester. The University will track participation and reach out to the Research Foundation if any employee fails to comply with the testing requirement and require that the employee either begin participation immediately or remain off campus and until they begin weekly participation.

Employees who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 may not participate in this pooled testing program for three months from the date of their positive COVID-19 test as their results will likely come back positive due to potential of the virus remaining in their system. These employees must provide written proof of past positivity to be exempted from testing and should resume testing three months after their positive COVID-19 test.

Explicit instructions on how to participate in the pooled surveillance testing program will be issued from Andy Berglund, Director of the RNA Institute and Director of the pooled testing program, no later than Friday, October 23.

More information about the program can be found on the UAlbany [COVID-19 web site](#). Thank you for your immediate attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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