Detailed information for Return to Campus – Spring 2021

Your first stop when returning to campus must be the testing site in Cartwright Center. The location of the testing site has changed to 3rd floor. You will use the same doors to enter Cartwright Center, but continue up to 3rd floor instead of 2nd floor. Follow appropriate signage for “UWL On-Campus Students (Residence Hall).” You can park in lots C2 (near the stadium) and C9 (behind Mitchell Hall) while you are getting tested. You will not be ticketed between January 25-31 in those parking lots for short term parking.

Your ID will not be activated allowing for residence hall access until you have completed a COVID antigen test on campus. After you receive a negative test result, you will be “checked in” to your residence hall.

You are REQUIRED to sign up for your testing time prior to testing. You will be unable to complete testing if you have not previously registered for that day and time. You must use your “@uwlax.edu” email when registering for the test. When you sign up, you will be given a voucher number that you will need to reference during your COVID appointment. The link for the sign up is not yet active. You must be within 7 days of the testing day in order to complete the sign up. We will send you the link when it is closer to arrival days and it is active.

A limited number of testing slots will be available on the following days:

Monday, January 25; 8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesday, January 26; 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday, January 27; 8:30am-4:30pm
Thursday, January 28; 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday, January 29; 8:30am-4:30pm
Saturday, January 30; 8:30am-4:30pm
Sunday, January 31; 8:30am-4:30pm

Beginning Monday February 1: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm; Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

If you return to campus outside of testing hours, you will not be able to access your residence hall. Please make arrangements to arrive during testing times. Additionally, all on campus students must be tested through UW-La Crosse. Tests completed with other providers or testing sites will not be used as verification of a completed test. If you have had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 90 days (since November 6, 2020) you must submit your test result to UWL Student Health Center staff. You must use your “@uwlax.edu” email when submitting test results. If your positive test occurred on campus, you must submit the date of that test, as well.
We are aware that you may have already signed up for a time to pick up your textbooks. You will not be able to get into your residence hall until you complete a COVID test. We encourage you to pick up your textbooks AFTER you move back to campus.

If you have a CURRENT positive COVID test prior to your return to campus, you are asked to continue your isolation period at home prior to returning to campus. Likewise, if you have been exposed to COVID-19 and have been told to quarantine, you are encouraged to complete that quarantine away from campus. If you have completed a quarantine at home, you will still be asked to complete a test upon your arrival back to campus.

Students who test positive upon arrival to campus will be encouraged to return home for the duration of the isolation period if possible or will be moved to an isolation room instead of being allowed to return to their assigned residence hall room. For this reason, we will require you to wait in Cartwright until you receive your test results. If you receive a negative test result, you will be checked in and can proceed to your residence hall; if you receive a positive test result, you may be required to take an additional PCR COVID test and will be required to return home or move immediately into isolation housing.

If you have received 1 or 2 doses of a COVID vaccine, you will still need to complete a test upon return.

**During the spring semester, students living on campus will need to complete a COVID-19 antigen test weekly.** Students who do not comply with the testing requests will be contacted by Residence Life staff as part of the student conduct process. Students who are found in violation of the testing requirement face housing contract cancellation. Additional information about weekly testing will be coming.