Dear Cardinal Community,

Due to recent severe weather, we are extending this month’s deadline for required COVID-19 testing to next Friday, Feb. 26 for students, faculty and staff who come to campus.

**Testing program update and reminders**

- To schedule a test with Bluewater Lab, go [here](#) site.
- The outdoor drive-thru testing site (Purple Lot) is closed through Feb. 19 due to inclement weather. This site will reopen on Monday, Feb. 22.
- If you are not coming to campus at all this semester, make sure you’ve filled out [this reporting form](#) for the spring. This form must be competed one time each semester.
- For details on required testing exemptions and how to pre-register for testing appointments, read the updated [Testing Program](#) section on the COVID-19 website. You must pre-register before every testing appointment with Bluewater this semester.
- We will continue to require testing, regardless of vaccination status, for the rest of the semester. Although the vaccine is highly effective, it is still possible to become infected after being vaccinated.

**Vaccine distribution reminders**

- UofL Health is working hard to get its limited vaccine supply distributed to our university members and other members of the public.
- They are still in Phase 1B of [Kentucky’s COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) believes they will be able to move into Phase 1C (which will include university staff and faculty as essential workers) by mid-March.
- As vaccine supply increases, the state and UofL Health will be able to move into other phases.

Thank you for continuing to do your part to live, study and work as safely as possible, both on and off campus. Thank you for your continued diligence with all the health and safety protocols. We will continue to keep you informed and updated.

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