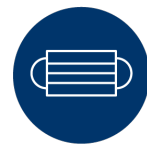




## A Message from our COVID-19 Coordinator



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Dear Members of the Yale Community,

I am pleased to share this newly expanded weekly email designed to provide you with timely information about the actions we are taking together to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 on campus and promote the health of our Yale and New Haven communities.

Over the past month, our graduate and professional students have been settling into new routines on and off campus. Increasing numbers of staff and faculty are returning to their offices and labs, and are following new health and safety measures. And we are now poised to welcome new and returning undergraduates next week for the beginning of a remarkable academic year. YaleNews has [posted a story](#) detailing many aspects of our preparations for the fall.

Let's work together to take the steps we know will make a difference:

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### **COVID-19 Viral Testing**

Our screening protocol uses viral testing to identify asymptomatic cases of infection, provide treatment and advice to those who are infected, and curb the further spread of the virus on campus. [Learn more about Yale's approach to \(and requirements around\) testing.](#)

### **Further Evidenced-based Practices**

From the outset of the pandemic, the University has adopted measures mandated by the State of Connecticut and recommended by our own public health experts. These [Health and Safety Guidelines](#) will be effective only if each of us does our part to follow them.

For the duration of the pandemic, we will share [vital statistics about the spread of COVID in our community](#). As the data highlighted below show, we are presently seeing a low rate of infection. Let's do all we can to maintain this condition.

You can expect related, targeted communications from various leaders at Yale over the course of the fall semester. And for the duration, [covid19.yale.edu](https://covid19.yale.edu) will serve as the hub for all University-wide guidance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about our programs or ideas about how we can do even more to protect our community.

– Stephanie S. Spangler, M.D.,  
Vice Provost for Health Affairs  
and Academic Integrity

## **By the Numbers**

Yale makes public [vital data about the state of COVID-19 within the Yale community](#).

### **COVID-19 Testing and Positive Cases at Yale**

	TESTS SINCE MAY 20	CASES SINCE MAY 20	% POSITIVE SINCE MAY 20
<b>SYMPTOMATIC</b>	5,454	203	3.8%
<b>ASYMPTOMATIC</b>	6,971	7	0.1%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,425</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
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## Essential Dates and Deadlines

AUG  
**20th**

Off-campus students may  
begin testing

AUG  
**24th**

On-campus students  
begin arrival testing

AUG  
**31st**

Routine/recurrent testing  
begins

## Stay Informed.

Learn the latest information about  
the health of our campus.

[Yale COVID updates](#)



"In many ways, wearing your mask when out of  
your home is one of the greatest forms of care  
work in your community! "

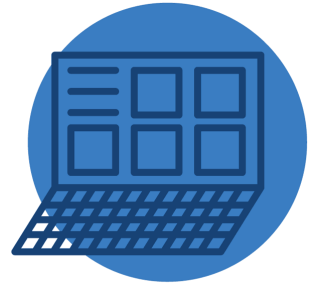
**- Teona Williams**

Graduate student and Fellow of the Office of Graduate  
Student Diversity and Development

## What to Read

Yale's COVID-19 testing lead, Dr. Madeline Wilson, discusses the university's screening program.

[Check it out](#)



In accordance with State of Connecticut Reopen rules, and, more importantly, to support best public health practices on our campus, we are providing weekly reminders on policies intended to promote a healthy campus. These reminders are meant to complement and reinforce the information presented in the [Return to Yale Campus Training](#) and Yale University [COVID-19 Workplace Guidance](#) website.

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