



# KEEP TRINE STRONG!

## Student Pre-Arrival COVID-19 Testing Protocol

### Pre-Arrival Testing

Every student will be required to:

- Submit a negative COVID-19 test result administered within seven (7) to ten (10) days before arriving on campus;
- Self-quarantine between the date the test is administered and the return to campus;
- Submit a “symptom monitoring checklist” the day assigned to return to campus.

For Indiana residents, the Indiana State Department of Health recommends that students get tested at one of Indiana’s free sites for COVID-19 testing. Information and registration for test sites is available at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm>. Testing on Jan. 8 or just after is recommended to have a result within the seven-day time period. Each test site has different result time frames – please be aware of when those results come in. Testing past this recommended date could result in a delayed testing result and will delay your approval for return to campus.

If a student tested at a local county test site and needs to obtain a copy of the results they can call 877-826-0011. The line is active 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the student will need to provide name, date of birth and location of test site. Once identity has been verified test results can be emailed or students can opt-in to receive text messages at that time.

For out-of-state students, the Indiana State Department of Health still recommends that students get tested at their respective state’s free testing site. Out-of-state students should check <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html> to find a location nearby. They are encouraged to consult with their primary-care physician or county/state health departments regarding testing options.

For Ohio students who have trouble getting tested due to a statewide shortage of COVID-19 tests, the Ohio Department of Health has now limited testing to anyone who is symptomatic or made direct contact with a known positive case. Please contact [tucovid@trine.edu](mailto:tucovid@trine.edu) to receive assistance in getting tested.

**After obtaining test results, students must upload an image of the test result to the university designated confidential testing result portal**, which will open Jan. 8, 2021. Negative test results will receive a response from the Trine COVID Response Team approving them to return to campus via email. Technical questions regarding use of the portal may be directed to the IT Help Desk ([help@trine.edu](mailto:help@trine.edu)).

**Any students who were approved to arrive early to campus for athletic or academic reasons, and who submitted their test through their coach or [tucovid@trine.edu](mailto:tucovid@trine.edu) will still need to access the testing portal on or after January 8th to verify their test results and complete the Keep Trine Strong Pledge.**

It is important to note that **any student who tests positive within ten (10) days from their scheduled return to campus will not be approved to return until cleared by the Trine University Health Center.**

### Antibody Tests

An antibody test should not take the place of a negative test upon returning to campus because of how little is known with antibody tests at this time. We look forward to the health officials rolling out more information about this in the future as the research and studies advance.

## Exceptions to Pre-Arrival Protocol

A student will not be required to submit a pre-arrival test result if one of the following applies:

- The student tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90-day period prior to returning to campus for the spring semester (positive result after Oct. 17), and the positive test result has been provided to the university through the Trine Student Health Center, the local health department or a self report; or
- The student is enrolled entirely online for the spring semester, is not residing in the residence halls, **and will not be physically present on campus in the spring semester**; or
- The student is approved for an exception by the Trine COVID Response Team.
- In order for a vaccinated person to be approved for an exception, the student must have received 2 doses of an approved vaccine. The date of the last dose must be 14 days prior to the student's move in date.

## Pre-Arrival Positive Test Result Instructions

Students who test positive must isolate for at least ten (10) days starting from the onset of symptoms, and must be fever-free for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before receiving approval to return to campus. If a student has tested positive and is showing no symptoms of COVID-19, they will still need to isolate for ten (10) days starting on the date the test was administered before arriving on campus. The Trine COVID Response team will notify students of their isolation release date and when they are approved to return to campus.

Academic instructors will be advised by the Trine COVID Response Team when a student in that instructor's course is in isolation and not able to physically attend class. The instructor will also be informed of the date that the student is scheduled to return to physically attend class. Students will be encouraged to work directly with their instructors to make arrangements for academic work during isolation.

## Pre-Arrival Negative Test Results Instructions

Residential Trine students who have received approval from the Trine University COVID Response Team with a **negative test result may return to campus at the established time and enter their residence hall.**

Residence Halls will open on **Sunday, Jan. 17** and **Monday, Jan. 18** from **9:00AM to 9:00PM**. Students are expected to arrive in that time range. Students **will not** be granted access to the residence halls without a negative test result. Residential hall staff will conduct a formal check-in process in the main common area of each Residence Hall. Failure to check-in **BEFORE** returning to your room could result in University sanctions.

Non-residential Trine students who have received approval from the Trine University COVID Response Team with a negative test result may return to campus starting on Jan. 19, 2021 (first day of classes).

## Compliance

Students are required to comply with this protocol unless the student meets the criteria for an exception and has been provided that exception in writing. Students who fail to submit test results according to the pre-arrival requirements stated above will not be permitted to move into the residence halls, and will not have academic access until a test result is submitted and approved. Non-compliance could result in sanctions, including being sent home for a specific quarantine period