

Good Afternoon,

A couple of COVID updates:

We will have testing events this week at the MSU Dome as follows:

Wednesday, September 23 from 9:00-11:30 am

Saturday, September 26 from 9:00-11:30 am

This will be our first Saturday testing event, so please take advantage of the opportunity if you have had scheduling conflicts with the previous weekday testing events. As always, if you have not yet done so, be sure to pre-register here: <https://testreg.nd.gov/> (and, no need to register again if you have already been tested).

During our most recent testing event, held last Friday, 5.3% of the 321 tests were positive. This was a significant decline from the three previous testing events where the overall average positivity rate of those three events was 11%. **Our percentage of positive cases dropped by more than half last Friday** compared to the number of positive test results we had experienced the past two weeks. This is VERY good news!

Our number of **active cases among students, faculty, and staff right now is down nearly 50%** compared to what it was about a week ago. More good news.

We all need to continue being vigilant with best practices of social distancing, wearing masks, avoiding large crowds (especially indoors), and washing hands regularly. We also need to continue being aggressive with our COVID testing so we can identify and isolate the virus, thereby helping to minimize its spread. If you have not yet had a test, please get tested this week. And, if it has been a few weeks since your last one, it might be a good time for a follow-up.

As always, thanks for all you are doing to help keep our fall semester moving forward,
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