

MSU Community,

A reminder we have two opportunities again this week in the MSU Dome for COVID testing:

Tuesday, September 29 from 9:00-11:00 am

Friday, October 2 from 9:00-11:00 am

If you haven't done so previously, please pre-register at <https://testreg.nd.gov/>

Reviewing several mass testing events conducted during the early part of the month, the percentage of tests returning as positive on September 9, 11, & 15 were 12.5%, 7.7%, and 10.4%, respectively. Since that time, in our past three mass testing events on September 18, 23, & 26, our positivity rates have been 5.3%, 4.5%, and 3.4%, respectively. **We are seeing a significant reduction as a smaller percentage of individuals are now testing positive at MSU,** thereby indicating our efforts to slow and contain the spread of the virus are working.

We need to continue being attentive with our ongoing efforts as we begin the sixth week of the fall semester, and part of that effort is to continue with an aggressive testing routine. Please take advantage of this week's testing opportunities tomorrow or Friday to help MSU continue along our successful path. Your vigilance with wearing face coverings, frequent hand washing, physical distancing, and avoiding crowds (especially indoors) remains a key part of the strategy as well.

A final reminder, please give strong consideration to downloading the Care19 Alert App if you have not yet done so: <https://ndresponse.gov/covid-19-resources/care19>

Thanks – have a great week,

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Go Beavers!