

The Center for Disease Controls and Prevention requires Idaho State University to provide the following information to participants of our screening program. If you have additional questions or seek further clarification after carefully reviewing this information, please email the University Health Committee at covid@health.isu.edu.

Who is the manufacturer and name of the test? [Shield T3](#)

What is the type of test? Saliva based RT-qPCR (quantitative reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction)

What is the purpose of the test? To detect the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in saliva. To review additional information about this test, please review the [Shield T3 scientific paper](#).

How reliable is the test? Specificity > 99%

Are there any limitations associated with the test? False negatives can occur. A false negative is when the test says an individual does not have the disease when they actually do have the disease. This particularly applies when an individual has known COVID-19 exposure AND symptoms of COVID-19 but a negative test.

Who will pay for the test? Idaho State University will pay for all COVID-19 screenings conducted through its COVID-19 Screening Program.

How will the test be performed? This is a self-administered saliva-based test. You will be asked to provide approximately 1.5 milliliters of saliva into a small vial.

What do I do if my results are positive? If your test is positive, you will be contacted by a member of the ISU Health Team and asked to isolate for 10 days from the test date or, if you develop symptoms, from symptoms onset. You should stay home and isolate away from others in your household. Additionally, the ISU Health Team will work with you to conduct contact tracing and support you with any recommendations for additional steps or follow up medical referrals. Ultimately, however, it is your responsibility to seek any needed medical care.

What do I do if my results are negative? If your test is negative, you may continue to come to campus. A negative is an indication that at that moment in time, the virus is not detected. It is possible the virus is present in numbers too low to detect with the test and if the person were tested again in a few days, there might be a different result. The use of face coverings, physical distancing, handwashing and other precautions continue to be required on campus, even for those with a negative screening result.

How can I understand what my results mean? A positive test indicates the tested individual has SARS-CoV-2 in their system and this is diagnostic of having acquired the virus. A negative is an indication that at the time of testing, the virus was not detected. It is possible the virus is present in numbers too low to detect with the test and if the person were tested again in a few days, there might be a different result.

Who will receive the results of my test? You will be able to review your results through the [Point and Click patient portal](#). Additionally, the University Health Center, COVID-19 Health Committee and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will receive your test results.

How will the results be used? The results of your test may be used to determine if you need to isolate in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other members of the campus community.

What are the consequences for declining to be screened? This screening program is a campus safety requirement for all employees, students, and others physically accessing campus. Some individuals, with approval through the established process for medical or religious exemptions, will be exempt from the screening program in accordance with applicable law. However, if you do not receive an approved exemption, participation in the screening program is mandatory for all employees and students who will, at any point during the Spring 2021 semester, be on campus interacting with others. If an employee declines to participate in the screening program, HR and Disability Services will work with the employee and their supervisor to determine if telework or other reasonable accommodations exist. If reasonable accommodations cannot be identified, those refusing participation will not be permitted to physically work on campus and may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension without pay or termination of employment in accordance with applicable University policy.

For more information about Idaho State's screening process, please visit isu.edu/roaringback.