

SHIELD Illinois COVID-19 Saliva Testing for UICOMP

Effective January 17, 2023

The University of Illinois System (including UICOMP) no longer requires regular testing for unvaccinated individuals. However, UICOMP will continue to have saliva testing available to those who would like to test themselves for COVID-19.

Effective Tuesday, January 17, 2023, saliva testing at UICOMP will transition to self-testing (or self-accessioned testing). Self-accessioned testing will allow testers to submit their sample into a locked drop box located in the UICOMP lobby.

Self-Testing Process:

1. Pick up a test kit from the UICOMP lobby near the security desk. Instructions detailing how to submit a sample are included in each kit.
2. Testers will submit their samples in a private location (home, office, car, etc)
3. Testers will [login to their Shield portal account](#) to link their test kit to their account. *If your test is not linked to your account, it will be discarded!*
4. After logging in to your Shield account, select “Self Collection COVID kit”
5. Next select the location: choose “UICOMP Self-Accession”
6. Enter the specimen number and test kit number on the barcode label provided in your test kit
7. Click the “Submit to Activate your Self Collected COVID Test” to link your test to your account. Step by step instructions of how to link your test kit to your Shield account may be found [here](#)
8. Testers will return the test kit to the drop box before 2 pm Monday-Thursday.*

*Note: Testers must drop off their sample the SAME day of testing, as samples are only viable for 12 hours.

Saliva Testing Closures:

Planned closures for Spring/Summer 2023:

- Monday, January 16- Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, February 20- Closed in observance of President’s Day
- Monday, May 29- Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- Monday, July 3 through Wednesday July 5- Closed in observance of Independence Day

You are NOT eligible to test if:

- You are showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- You are in quarantine/isolation following a positive COVID-19 test result.
- You have had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 90 days.

Prior to your saliva test:

- Do NOT eat, drink, smoke, vape, chew gum, or brush your teeth within 60 minutes of your test.



After the test:

- Answer calls from unknown numbers since it may be University Health Services (UHS) or the UICOMP contact tracer.
- Check the Shield portal for your test results, see below for instructions for setting up an account.
- If your results are positive, notify your supervisor immediately. Do NOT return to work. Work with UHS on instructions and for return-to-work clearance. Also, notify UICOMP Human Resources (Civil Service employees) or the Dean's Office (faculty and Academic Professional employees) for leave information.

Accessing test results:

Individuals will access their test results through the Shield portal. To access test results, a Shield account will need to be created.

How to set up a Shield account:

- Navigate to <https://shieldillinoisportal.pointnclick.com/>
- Click "Sign up for an Account"
- Enter your Agency code; for UICOMP **the agency code is: flames22**
- After completing an online registration form, you will be able to access the patient portal to view your results.

If you have trouble setting up an account or accessing results, Shield offers patient support, which may be reached at 217-265-6059.

COVID-19 Reporting:

Please continue to report COVID-19 symptoms and exposures to a COVID-positive individual using the [online reporting tool](#). If you are in doubt, stay home to protect co-workers, fellow students, friends and family.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Tiffany Thompson by calling (309)-671-8436 or emailing tthomp39@uic.edu