

Summer at Emerson 2022: Weekly Testing FAQ

Where will on-campus and drive-thru testing take place?

All on-campus and drive-thru testing will take place on-site at Emerson School. Drive-thru testing will be done outdoors in the Emerson School parking lot. On-campus testing will take place inside the building.

Who will be completing the testing on-site at Emerson School?

Sample collection will be overseen and/or administered by Frankie DiCesare, our *Summer at Emerson* Medical Assistant.

How does drive-thru testing work?

For drive-thru testing, families will drive into the Emerson School parking lot as they would for drop-off and pick-up, pull up to the designated location, and Frankie will give you your testing kit. All families will remain in their car the entire time. We ask parents and caregivers of younger children (Grades Y5-3) to complete nasal swabbing for their children, under the supervision of our staff. Specific instructions explaining how to conduct a test properly are included at the end of this document. Students in Grades 4-8 may do their own nasal swabbing, again with supervision of staff. Should any family wish to have an Emerson staff member complete collection for them, they may request Frankie to do so.

How does on-campus testing work?

On-campus testing will only be given to campers who are already in the building and attending camp on a testing day. This will be for campers who will be attending multiple weeks of camp. For on-campus tests, Frankie will go around to each camp and assist with each camper's test.

Do I need to register a specific time for testing?

No. All drive-thru testing will occur on a drop-in basis during our window of 9:30am-11:30am on the drive-thru testing dates. All on-campus testing will be conducted during the hours of camp.

How much does testing cost?

Families will be billed somewhere between \$23.00 to \$35.00 for each test completed (an approximate cost will be announced very soon). We do not expect the cost to rise anywhere far above that price range. This charge will be billed to your UltraCamp account at the end of each month. There are no sibling discounts.

Who will be analyzing the testing results?

Samples will be analyzed at the RapidBio lab located in Plymouth, Michigan. This is a CLIA certified lab capable of doing highly thorough PCR viral sequencing for the detection of COVID-19 viral RNA. Samples will be processed through a standard diagnostic process with results analyzed by RapidBio and reported to *Summer at Emerson*.

How are samples collected?

The samples are collected via a soft, nasal swab. The swab is inserted just into the anterior part of the nose (nares). The swab is swirled around the lower part of each nostril five times.

How much discomfort is experienced with this sort of testing?

There is minimal discomfort in the collection process as the sample is collected from the lower part of the nostril, below any point of resistance in the nose.

How accurate is the testing?

The test is greater than 99% accurate at detecting the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and is the most sensitive method available for testing.

How will I receive test results?

We anticipate receiving test results roughly 24-48 hours after tests are sent to RapidBio. In the event that there is a positive test result for a camper, we will first contact the family to notify them individually. After contacting the family, we will then communicate with staff and families regarding a positive case. We will then provide information as to any changes to our instruction required as a result.

What is done with the information collected?

RapidBio will report sample results to *Summer at Emerson* and will send anonymized data to the appropriate State of Michigan public health agency. As for the camp's part, we are required to notify county officials of the name of any individual who receives positive test results. We will follow our standard communication format of notifying the general community of any positive case. For a positive camper result, we will notify the family of the child directly. For a positive employee result, we will notify the employee directly. Information will not be shared with any other party, including any health insurance agency. We will seek to maintain the individual's privacy and only notify those with a legitimate need to know for the safety of the camp.

What privacy protections are in place?

RapidBio is a HIPPA compliant facility. All protected health information (PHI) is physically obliterated. Patient and sample data are retained in the company's HIPPA compliant database.

1 Open nasal swab

Remove the nasal swab from the wrapper by pulling the two ends of the wrapper apart (like you would to open a band-aid).

Be careful to only touch the handle, not the tip.



2 Swab nose

Gently insert the **entire** soft tip of the swab into one nostril until you feel a bit of resistance and rub it in a circle around your nostril **4 times.**

Next, gently insert **the same swab** into the other nostril and rub it around the same way.



3 Put swab in tube

Lower the swab, tip first, into the provided tube.

Once the tip is at the bottom, break the swab handle at the top of the tube by bending back and forth.

Screw the red cap on tightly.

