

October 9, 2020

Dear Iowa State Students,

We continue to be encouraged by the [low positivity percentage of COVID-19 cases](#) on campus. Thank you for doing your part to practice and model our health and safety measures. Your commitment to personal responsibility is having a positive impact.

Random Testing. To further mitigate the risk of infection, we are expanding our on-campus testing at Johnny's in Hilton Coliseum to include testing of randomly selected students. This testing strategy will help us identify asymptomatic positive cases. We will also use testing data to pinpoint areas with notable case counts and determine appropriate testing strategies for those areas to help contain the spread of the virus.

Who is Eligible? Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students are eligible to be randomly selected for asymptomatic testing. Those selected will receive an email or text message with instructions for scheduling a time to be tested at Johnny's in Hilton Coliseum. We strongly encourage that you take this request seriously and complete your test as directed. This testing strategy is not intended to punish anyone. Students who are selected should not fear disciplinary action for doing the responsible thing to complete the testing. This is another important way you can help mitigate the spread and support the health and safety of our campus and community.

Gifts and Prizes. As a show of appreciation, those selected and who complete the testing will receive a \$5 gift card for ISU Dining, and they will be entered in a drawing for a chance at larger prizes. Prizes in the drawing include ten \$50 ISU Dining gift cards, ten \$500 scholarships, a one semester Department of Residence housing contract, and a one semester ISU Dining contract. The gifts and prizes are thanks to the Student Government Executive Committee, Department of Residence, and the President's Office.

Making a Difference. Please continue your diligent practice of the [Cyclones Care behaviors](#). Your actions truly make a difference – they show compassion for your fellow Cyclones and they ensure we can continue with a successful on-campus experience this fall and spring.

Thank you,

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Cc: ISU Faculty and Staff