

Saliva Testing FAQ for STUDENT ATHLETES

What is saliva screening?

The saliva screener we are using is what's called a surveillance screener, not a diagnostic test. With a false-positive rate of virtually zero, however, saliva testing is extremely effective at identifying likely cases of COVID-19, including those that are asymptomatic. **Anyone who tests positive on the screener will be notified and required to follow-up with a diagnostic test for confirmation.**

Who will participate?

All STUDENT ATHLETES will need to participate in Saliva Testing.

When do I need to submit my sample?

Athletes **ONLY** need to test once a week. If their cohort is **NOT** on site that week, then they should do the Friday drop-off. Otherwise, they can just test with their cohort.

If I do not have a sample kit where do I pick up?

Wednesday -Friday, February 3-5th 8 am – 5 pm by student activities office ROOM 174

What if a student wants to participate in on-site classes or extra-curriculars but is medically unable to produce a saliva sample?

In this case, a student can still attend on site IF they provide a doctor's note to the nurses (HealthServices@oprfs.org).

Can remote-only students participate?

Only if they are participating on an athletics team currently in session.

I was diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 90 days. Do I need to participate in saliva testing?

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 90 days, you should notify the nurse's office (nurses@oprfs.org), so that you may be excused temporarily from saliva testing. A person who recently has had COVID-19 may still be shedding dead virus cells, even though they are no longer infectious, which can cause a false positive on the saliva screener. Once the 90 days since diagnosis have passed, you must participate in saliva testing in order to attend on-site classes.

When do I get the results?

The school will receive results the day after samples are taken to the lab. Any individuals who test positive on the screener, and are therefore presumed to be positive for COVID-19, will receive a phone call from the school with next steps. **Students will not be permitted to participate practices or games until those steps have been completed.**