

# COVID Update



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**TO:** The Bennington Community

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I write with a quick COVID update: Two students are newly recovered, and one student is still in isolation but doing well.

### Test Results:

Thank you to everyone who got tested this week. **Of the surveillance tests, there was one positive staff case, some invalid tests, one inconclusive test, and all the rest were negative.**

We believe that the exposure risk to our campus community is very low from the one positive staff case. If you are not contacted by me, you are not considered a close contact.

If your test was invalid, you would have received an email already. An invalid test does not mean that there is a higher likelihood of testing positive for COVID-19, but simply that the sample was unable to be read and needs to be retested. If you have received notification that your test is invalid, or if you did not get tested this week, please test again on Monday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on the back porch of the Student Health Center.

All test results are posted on Coverified (under "Records"). To get started (or restarted) with CoVerified:

1. If you have an iPhone or iPad, you can [download and install the CoVerified app](#) from the iOS App Store. Otherwise, in a web browser, navigate to the [CoVerified login page](#). Review the [App tutorial](#).
2. Login to Coverified using your Bennington email address. This is true for both the app and the web site.
3. When you are redirected to the single-sign on page, login with your Bennington credentials, just as you would login to your email account.
4. You are now logged into CoVerified.
5. Bookmark the [CoVerified login instructions](#) so you can refer to them as needed.

### Weekly Testing

In an abundance of caution, the College will require weekly testing for everyone on campus, regardless of vaccination status. We will send details about this early next week.

### Webinar

We have received a number of questions from members of the community about the Delta virus, the prevalence of COVID in the wider community, the science around breakthrough cases and boosters. To answer these questions, we will hold a community wide webinar with Dr. Randy Anselmo and I to answer questions about COVID, testing, or vaccinations. More details to come.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep the community safe.