

## **Informed Consent for COVID Testing at Lewis & Clark College, Academic Year 2021-22**

I understand that Lewis & Clark is making free COVID testing available to me as part of a surveillance testing clinic, in order to promote my safety and the safety of the greater Lewis & Clark community. I understand that this testing is for asymptomatic individuals only. I understand that if I have any symptoms of COVID, or have been advised to isolate or quarantine, I should not report to a surveillance testing clinic. I also understand that if I have tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days, I should not be tested.

I understand the test being used is a saliva-based PCR test. The test will determine whether I have detectable levels of COVID at the time of testing. The test is not 100% accurate, so false positives and false negative results can occur. Moreover, the test only assesses my COVID status at one point in time, so it is possible that I could subsequently become infected. I understand that I should continue to wear a mask and practice hand hygiene in compliance with current college guidance, even if my test results are negative, in order to protect myself and others.

I understand that test results will generally be communicated to individuals who have tested within 72 hours of testing. I understand that results will generally be communicated to me via email sent by Meenta, (our testing vendor), so it is very important that I monitor my email starting about 24 hours after my test and going until I have my final testing results. I understand that Meenta is using a pooled testing strategy. With this strategy, I may receive more than one email during the processing of my saliva sample, but will always be informed when my test results are finalized. I understand if my test result is invalid, I may be required to test again. I understand that if I am ever informed by Meenta or Lewis & Clark staff that my saliva sample has been submitted for diagnostic testing, this means that my sample has been identified as being one sample in a positive pool, and that, as a precaution, I must immediately self-isolate, following the college guidelines for self isolation. I should not attend in-person classes, attend work, or leave my residence (other than to use a communal bathroom) until I have received the final results from a subsequent diagnostic test which the Meenta lab will run on my original saliva sample. Should my sample be referred for diagnostic testing, I will be asked to register in the Meenta portal and complete additional survey and consent forms. I agree to complete any such online forms related to diagnostic testing as quickly as possible.

I understand that Meenta is under a requirement to report positive COVID test results to the state health authority. I understand that Lewis & Clark health professionals and Human Resources staff will have access to my test results. These results will be kept confidential, subject to applicable legal requirements.. However, Wellness staff will be sharing with the College lists of individuals who have been required to test and who have not complied with the testing requirement. Names of contracted staff who test positive will be shared with the employee's supervisor.

If I ever learn that I have tested positive, I understand I should immediately self-isolate, again following the College's guidelines for self-isolation. For residential students, those guidelines

include directions for meal delivery. I must not attend class, attend work, or leave my residence (save for trips to a communal bathroom). Wellness staff will reach out to me to review any positive testing results by the next business day. If I am a student, I may also contact the Health Service at 503-768-7165 (during workdays), my off-campus health care provider, or the after-hours nurse line (1-877-617-9531) for medical consultation.

I agree to answer my phone; be sure there is always room on my voicemail for messages; and collaborate in any contact tracing efforts conducted by college staff or public health officials.

I agree to provide a saliva-based specimen for purposes of determining whether I currently have detectable levels of COVID-19.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above conditions for testing.

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Print name

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Signature

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Date

Please provide a LEGIBLE phone number (cell preferred) at which you may be reached:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Print your e-mail here: \_\_\_\_\_