What is the purpose of reporting testing data?

The purpose of reporting testing data to the Curry community is to provide clear and up-to-date information about our campus health with regard to COVID-19. By consistently reporting the number of tests conducted and the number of individuals who have tested positive, negative, and inconclusive, as well as comparative positivity statistics, we hope to provide a transparent picture of where we stand in terms of our prevention efforts on a weekly basis.

It is inevitable, due to the nature of a pandemic that has impacted more than five million nationwide, that positive cases will occur. However, test reporting is designed both to promote awareness of what is happening on campus, and to remind our community of the importance of following the protocols that have been established to help keep our positive cases down and Curry healthy: Monitoring their health, washing their hands, wearing their masks and social distancing at all times.

How often will the numbers be updated and reported?

The Curry College community will receive a weekly email with a link to online dashboard with test results from the week. The online dashboard will be updated weekly on Fridays. Each update will include:

- Cumulative test results (including total number, negative results, inconclusive results, and positive results)
- Test results from the past 7 days (including total number, negative results, inconclusive results, and positive results)
- Comparative 14-day positivity statistics (including with the Town of Milton and Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

Each dashboard update will contain results from surveillance and COVID clinic tests conducted on campus in the previous week. The College may change the method, platform and/or frequency of reporting as the semester progresses for a variety of reasons, and we will inform the community promptly if so.

Will the numbers include all populations (students, faculty, staff, vendor employees) within the Curry community?

Yes. The College's on-campus testing program includes both on-boarding (for the spring semester) and weekly surveillance testing of all students (residential and commuter who are on campus), all faculty who are teaching on campus, all staff, and all vendor employees.

How should community members report results from off-campus testing?
Any community member who obtains a test from an external entity has a responsibility to immediately report positive tests and negative test clearances to the College, both for tracking and reporting to the Board of Health. Positive results obtained through off-campus testing will be reported via the online dashboard. All negative tests should be reported in the CoVerified mobile app. Positive tests should be reported in the CoVerified mobile app, and by contacting the appropriate parties, included below:

- Faculty and staff should contact Human Resources at 617-333-2263 or hr@curry.edu;
- Traditional undergraduate students should contact Health Services at 617-333-2182 or healthservices@curry.edu;
- CE-Grad students should confirm with their test provider that the test provider will contact their local Board of Health;
- ACCEL Nursing students should contact their clinical coordinator;
- MSN students should contact the Graduate Program Coordinator.

Why are some results labeled inconclusive and what do those that mean?
The College's testing program through the [Broad Institute](#) will provide a positive or negative result from the lab the vast majority of the time. However, occasionally neither a positive or negative result is produced, and that swab will be labeled an inconclusive test result. This can be the result of a number of factors, including a swabbing error at the time or during the collection, not enough sample from the swab to process, or another technical reason. Inconclusive results are not common but do happen in a clinical laboratory processing large numbers of samples. Efforts will be made to quickly resolve them and obtain a negative or positive result by re-testing the individual in question.

Will individually identified test results ever be reported publicly?
No. There will never be person-specific information reported to the community.

How will community members demonstrate that they are complying with the College's symptom checking and testing program?
The CoVerified app should be utilized by all community members for both symptom monitoring and test scheduling and results. Users will be assigned one of three status labels in the app: Remote (gray), Cleared (green) or Restricted (red).

"Remote" designates an individual who is not on campus and therefore is not expected to follow the daily symptom check and testing requirement. You will be "Restricted" if you do not complete your daily symptom check, if it has been more than a week since your last test, or if you are in quarantine or isolation.

In various places on campus, students may be asked to show the app status screen or a website printout to demonstrate their campus status as "Cleared" (green). Anyone seeking entry to campus must also display "Cleared" status in order to gain access via the front gate, unless otherwise permitted. Students will also be required to show a student ID at the front gate.

If a student is awaiting a test result, can they come to class?
Yes, if they are awaiting results garnered as part of the weekly surveillance testing and have no symptoms or close contact reason to believe they may be positive. If a student has been tested for any other reason, has symptoms or has reason to suspect that they may have been exposed via close contact, they should consult Health Services before attending class.

How are community members being notified of the results of their on-campus tests?
All tests results will be provided through the CoVerified app. If you were tested in Miller Field House and have not received your results within 48 hours, please call Health Services at 617-333-2182.

Will the data that is being collected be able to help the College in other ways?
Yes. Using data from testing in addition to the results publicly available, the College will be able to help define "hot spots" (where clusters of positive tests occur) in one specific part of campus, or one building, like a residence hall. Knowing that information can allow the College to take action, like quarantining individuals or groups identified through contact tracing, to contain virus spread more quickly and efficiently.

What should the community pay most attention to, when looking at the test reports?
Curry College has developed a robust testing program that includes both onboard and surveillance testing for community members every day who have no symptoms or reason to believe they are infected. Since surveillance testing has been defined as one of the most effective way to measure the health of a community, it's important to note that the reports will reflect those findings as well as results from people who report symptoms.

It is also important to note that while positive cases are expected, we can all do our part to help keep them down and keep Curry healthy by following the terms of the Community Agreement at all times (both on AND off campus), by practicing the key protocols (wash your hands, wear your mask, social distance and monitor your health) that have been established for the safety of our community, and by encouraging and supporting each other in these efforts.