



OBU

FALL 2021 ATHLETICS COVID PROTOCOLS

 **Abbott**

BISON
SPORTS MEDICINE



TESTING STRATEGIES FOR FALL 2021

BASELINE TESTING

- **ALL TIER 1** individuals (student-athletes & staff) will be tested after returning to campus regardless of vaccination status.
 - This will take place Aug 23 & 24
 - Testing slots will be 7am-12pm

SYMPTOMATIC TESTING

- **Any student-athlete experiencing symptoms can and will be tested.**
 - Unvaccinated or Vaccinated
- **Symptomatic individuals will be referred to one of the following:**
 - **Campus Nurse (via TEAM CLINICS)**
 - **Team Physician(s) – Dr. Aldrich, Dr. Cassaday**
 - **Local Urgent Care**
- **OBU Sports Medicine will NOT perform symptomatic testing, **EXCEPT** in certain situations when necessary.**
 - This is in accordance with campus policy that any symptomatic individual **MUST** have doctor's clearance (with a negative COVID test) to be **RELEASED** back to campus-related activities (class, dorm, athletics, etc.)
- **We reserve the right to change this policy at any time should campus, city, county and/or state policy require that we should OR campus/local infection rates rise.**

SURVEILLANCE TESTING

- **Starting 8.29.21, GAC policy requires 25% of all unvaccinated student-athletes of in-season sports be tested weekly.**
- **This will remain in effect indefinitely.**

TESTING FOR COMPETITION

- *At this time, we will NOT be testing specifically prior to any competitions/travel unless specifically required by a non-conference opponent or for NCAA post-season.*
- *However, we reserve the right to change this policy at any time should campus, city, county and/or state policy require that we should OR campus/local infection rates rise.*
- *For out-of-conference/off-campus competitions, all protocols of opposing conference/school will be followed*

NCAA Resocialization Fall 2021 https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/ssi/COVID/SSI_ResocializationFall2021.pdf

QUARANTINE & ISOLATION

- *ACCORDING TO CDC GUIDELINES, VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT HAVE TO QUARANTINE IF THEY ARE A CLOSE CONTACT*
 - *However, it is recommended that vaccinated close contacts be tested 3-5 days after exposure, even if asymptomatic.*
 - *Wearing a mask indoors for 14 days following exposure or until receiving a (-) test is recommended.*
- *Quarantine due to being a close-contact will be treated according to OBU campus policy.*
- *No exercise restrictions, unless cardiopulmonary symptoms develop.*
- *Testing (+) will trigger a 10-day isolation period. Isolation can be discontinued on Day 11, as long as at least 24hrs have passed since resolution of symptoms/fever.*
- *NO exercise during isolation. Post-isolation RTP protocol to be followed and completed PRIOR to full release back to participation.*
- *If a symptomatic individual tests (-), they will need MD confirmation/clearance prior to returning to school/athletics per OBU institutional policy.*

Student-athletes that become symptomatic, test (+), or are considered close contacts must complete the following forms for Campus Life:

- [CLOSE CONTACT FORM](#)
- [POSITIVE TEST FORM](#)
- [SYMPTOMATIC FORM](#)

VACCINATION

There is NO campus mandate to be vaccinated. While we want to encourage vaccinations, we respect the individual choice to be vaccinated or remain unvaccinated. There may be vaccination opportunities on campus this fall. Future communication will follow.