

Rapid Antigen Testing Procedure

Testing Requirements

From 1 November 2021, St Andrew's College will require all Contractors, Visitors and Non-Resident members of College to be tested any day they enter the College campus.

College Staff will need to test every second day you are on premises. Residential students will be tested if they depart College for more than 72 hours.

How Often Do I need to be Tested?

Who?	How often to be tested?
Staff Members	Every 2 nd day Monday to Saturday (50% each day). (Arrive 20 mins before the start of shift to ensure adequate time for testing.)
Visitors & Contractors	Testing required upon arrival at College. Arrange your arrival at College to occur between 7am-10am. (Arrive 20 mins before your appointment to ensure adequate time for testing.)
Resident students	After returning home for more than 72 hours, you will be required to test upon your return to College.
Non-res students	Upon arrival at College. (Arrive 20 mins early to ensure adequate time for testing)
Event Guests (e.g. Highlander Nights, Father's Dinner, Valedictory)	Guests who have not provided a negative PCR test within 72 hours of arrival will be required to submit to a Rapid Antigen Test upon arrival to college. (Arrive 30 mins early to ensure adequate time for testing.)

What is involved in taking a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)?

- Testing involves taking a swab from both nostrils and applying a solution to the collected sample.
- You may feel a slight discomfort as the swab is inserted into your nostril.
- The collected sample will take 15 minutes to obtain a result.
- Whilst you wait your temperature will also be taken.

What happens if I test positive?

- If a swab returns an inconclusive result, a second test will need to be administered.
- If a positive result is returned, you will not be allowed to enter the Campus.
You will be asked to visit a clinic that administers PCR tests and await a negative result before returning to the College campus.

Is the Rapid Antigen Test 100% accurate?

- Rapid Antigen Testing is not as reliable as PCR testing. There is a possibility that a false positive may occur, or that a false negative may occur.
- For this reason, anyone with Cold & Flu symptoms should not use rapid antigen testing. Anyone with cold and flu symptoms should take a PCR test instead and await the result at home.

Where is the testing station in College?

- The testing station is located at 3 on the map below (Carol Raffan Room in the Hanks Wing).

