



NOTICE REGARDING WASTEWATER TESTING

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Following the advice of public health and medical experts, the University of Arizona (“University”) has developed a comprehensive plan to keep our campus community as safe and healthy as possible. The core of this plan is our [Test, Trace, Treat](#) initiative, coupled with CDC guidelines for prevention.

One of the Test, Trace, Treat strategies that takes place on campus is **Wastewater-Based Epidemiology**.

An Environmental Science research team with expertise in wastewater-based epidemiology is testing the wastewater that comes out of University dorms and other buildings on campus for COVID-19. This testing does not identify individuals or even floors of buildings that might have infections. Wastewater testing is a helpful method for monitoring general campus community health and identifying any of the COVID-19 variants of concern on campus.

There are eight collection sites during Summer 2021. Some collection sites will evaluate wastewater emitted from a single building at the sewer line, while other collection sites will evaluate the wastewater emitted from multiple buildings that use the same sewer line. Collection sites are as follows:

Collection Site 1: Colonia de la Paz dorm

Collection Site 2: La Aldea graduate student housing

Collection Site 3: Park and 2nd Street, including the Arizona State Museum, Economics Bldg., English as 2nd Language Bldg., Engineering Bldg., and Maricopa Dorm

Collection Site 4: Park and University Boulevard, including the Arizona State Museum North, Centennial Hall, Douglas Bldg., and Social Sciences Bldg.

Collection Site 5: Park and Campus Drive, including the Anthropology Bldg., Bookstore, Chemistry & Marvel Labs, Cochise Dorm, Forbes Bldg., Herring Hall, Nugent Bldg., Old Main, Saguaro Hall, South Hall, and Student Union

Collection Site 6: Park and 4th Street, including Gould Simpson Bldg., Marley Bldg., McClelland Park Bldg., Physics/Atmospheric Sciences Bldg., Shantz Bldg., and Yavapai Dorm

Collection Site 7: Park and Lowell Street – North, including Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences Bldg., Bio-Sciences West Bldg., Life Sciences South Bldg., and Mathematics Bldg.

Collection Site 8: Park and Lowell Street – South, including Environment & Natural Resources Bldg., Environmental & Natural Resources 2 Bldg., 6th St. Parking Garage, Offices, & Greenhouses

Results from any specific building will **not** be shared publicly. Results are shared with Senior Leaders, the COVID Incident Command System (ICS), the Public Health Advisory Coronavirus Team (PHACT), the COVID-19 Response Team, Campus Health, Housing and Residential Life, Facilities Management, SAFER Contact Tracers, Pima County Health Department, and the Arizona Department of Health Services.

If you have questions about this testing, please contact our Test, Trace, Treat team at t3@arizona.edu.