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- Through sentinel testing, a random sample of individuals from the campus community (faculty, staff and students) are selected for COVID-19. The testing is voluntary, but those chosen are encouraged to participate in the initiative, as it is integral to safeguarding the health of our campus. This data will help us understand the underlying prevalence of COVID-19 in our main campus community and will allow us to promptly respond to changes in infection rates on campus.

+ Who is eligible?

- Students who are registered for classes on main campus. Exceptions include students enrolled exclusively in distance education courses or experiential training courses completed off-campus.
- Part-time and full-time employees who are assigned to main campus. Employees assigned to locations away from main campus will be excluded.
- Individuals with symptoms should not participate in sentinel testing, but seek medical care.
- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 12 weeks should not participate.

+ Am I required to participate?

- No. Participation in the sentinel testing program is not mandatory for students or employees, but it is highly encouraged. Sentinel testing is a very important component of Auburn University's health and safety plan. This testing allows us to identify increases in infection rates and promptly respond.

+ How will I know if I've been selected to participate?

- AU employees and students will receive an email from healthy@Verily.com asking to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 random sentinel testing.
- Emails for the pilot phase of the program were sent to students starting Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020.
- If you receive an email about sentinel testing, please click on the link provided to log into your Verily account, complete the pre-test symptoms screen and select an appointment time from the options listed.

+ Where will sentinel testing occur?

- Testing will occur in the scholarship room at Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum on Auburn's main campus.

+ Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

- Email the COVID Resource Center at **covidresourcecenter@auburn.edu** and include "Sentinel Testing" in the subject of the email.

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