

Subject: *** Message from Dean McGinniss: COVID-19 Testing Before Return to Campus ***
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Dear New and Returning UND Law Students:

I hope you have had a good summer and are ready for the start of the fall semester!

Many of you may have hopefully seen or heard about the recent [announcement](#) that the North Dakota University System (NDUS) is encouraging all students, faculty, and staff to get tested for COVID-19 before returning to campus for the start of the upcoming semester. Several testing events have been scheduled to be held across the state through Tuesday, August 25, and you can find information on those events at <https://ndus.edu/gettested/>. On that website, you can search for testing events by city or by date. There is no cost or need for insurance to receive these tests, and you should receive more information from UND about these testing events in the near future. Regular COVID-19 testing of faculty, staff, and students will help UND maintain a COVID-resilient campus and will help protect every member of the UND community. Please strongly consider taking advantage of these testing opportunities.

The next testing events at UND are scheduled for this Thursday (August 13) and Friday (August 14). You are strongly encouraged to pre-register for any of these testing events at <https://testreg.nd.gov>, and you are also able to register for these tests on-site. UND students are asked to use their local North Dakota address when registering or pre-registering, and as a reminder pre-registration does not guarantee you will receive a test. You can find more information about UND testing events, including wait times for tests on the day of each testing event, [here](#).

As law students, you are preparing to become ethical and responsible members of the legal profession. Good lawyers base their decisions and actions not only on what the law or professional rules require from them, but also on what decisions and actions will best serve the interests of others. Further, robust and regular testing of students (and others) and any necessary contact tracing of positive cases will allow UND to continue to provide on-campus experiences, which are so vital to student learning and experience. As your Dean, I ask that you consider COVID-19 testing before arriving on campus this fall to be an important opportunity to fulfill your ethical responsibilities in becoming a good lawyer, and to ensure we can continue to our on-campus experience.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you very soon! Take good care, and be well.

All my best,

Dean McGinniss

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