

All students and employees must complete mandatory, arrival COVID-19 testing on campus (free of charge) upon their return in January. Catawba will place a hold on the schedule of any student failing to complete arrival testing and will prohibit access into campus housing. Classes begin at 8:00 AM on Monday, January 25, 2021. Students and employees who are fully remote are exempt from this requirement.

Students may not enter their residence halls or any other campus location until they receive a negative COVID arrival test. **Catawba will place a hold on the schedule of any student failing to complete arrival testing and will prohibit access into campus housing and facilities, classrooms, athletic fields, and any other campus location until testing is completed.**

Unless exempted from testing, you may not attend an in-person class, meet in-person with your advisor, or otherwise be present in a campus building until you receive a negative test.

All testing will be completed with [Abbott BinaxNOW](#) rapid antigen tests.

Arrival Testing Dates & Times

Catawba will conduct drive-through testing outside the Robertson Community Center near Keppel Auditorium. Persons are to enter only at the designated entry point and follow traffic directions around the Robertson Community Center parking lot. Persons shall remain in their cars for this testing and are not to enter the Robertson Community Center for testing unless otherwise directed. Upon completion of testing, persons are to remain in their vehicles and in the Robertson Community Center parking lot until advised of their test results.

- **Wednesday, January 20, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (for faculty, staff, and commuter students only)**
- **Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
- **Friday, January 22, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday, January 24, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

Students scheduled to arrive on campus between 5:00 PM on Friday, January 22, 2021, and 12:00 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2021, shall report to the Jann House for testing.

Students arriving after 5 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2021, shall report to the Jann House for testing.

Students arriving at these times may not check into their residence halls and must quarantine off-campus until tested.

Commuter students who do not reside on campus, but who will have one or more in-person or hybrid classes during the Spring, 2021, semester should arrange to test during one of the designated testing periods.

Arriving Early

- Student-Athletes – A member of the athletic training staff will test members of the Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Swimming, Lacrosse, Track and Field, Baseball, and Softball teams upon arrival. Other student-athletes will test within the above schedule.
- On-Campus Residents – You may test during one of the designated times upon your return. You may not enter a campus building or otherwise be present within campus prior to obtaining a negative test result.
- Off-Campus Residents – You may test during one of the designated times. You may not enter a campus building or otherwise be present within campus prior to obtaining a negative test result.

An early arriving student who tests positive shall be required to depart campus and isolate off-campus. Catawba will provide an isolation location for students unable to return home or move to a safe location off-campus. A student who tests positive for COVID may not be present on campus and outside of the isolation or quarantine location until and unless cleared to do so by the appropriate health official(s) and Catawba College.

Arriving Late

Students arriving after testing concludes for the day should plan to quarantine off campus until testing the next morning. Students who arrive after testing concludes on January 24, 2021, shall report to the Jann House for testing.

Prior Positive Tests

Students and employees with a prior positive COVID test within 90 days of arrival must provide documentation of such and will not be tested.

No Entry Retesting

Catawba requires any student or employee who tests positive during this reentry testing to isolate in accordance with Catawba, local health, and CDC guidelines. Catawba will continue to recognize as COVID positive any student or employee who retests as negative. There shall be no reentry tests considered as a “false positive.”

Persons in Quarantine

Students and employees in quarantine during the testing days and times above shall NOT report to campus for an entry testing. Students, if student-athletes, in quarantine should report such quarantine to the athletic training staff, and students who are not student-athletes should notify the Proctor Student Health Center. Employees in quarantine should notify Human Resources. You will be required to entry test upon completion of your quarantine period and prior to being present in any campus building.

Absent exceptional circumstances, Catawba requires persons in close contact with a suspected, presumed, or confirmed COVID case to quarantine for fourteen (14) calendar days.

Persons who have been Vaccinated

Students and employees who received one (1) of the two (2) required COVID vaccination shots on or after January 5, 2021, shall be required to participate in this reentry testing. Students and employees who received one (1) of the two (2) required COVID vaccination shots on or before January 4, 2021, shall not be required to participate in this reentry testing.

Students and employees who received both of the two (2) required COVID vaccination shots on or before January 24, 2021, shall not be required to participate in this reentry testing unless they are symptomatic.

Students and employees shall provide proof of vaccination to waive this reentry testing requirement.

Vaccine Update

While local health officials do not expect vaccine doses for students until later in the spring, Catawba staff meet weekly with local health officials. As more specific information about vaccination information becomes available, Catawba will provide such.

Random COVID Testing

During the Spring semester, and to better identify positive cases, **all students and employees will be required to participate in on-campus COVID testing.** Catawba will share additional information in the coming weeks.