The Darden School: COVID-19 Participant Requirements

COVID-19 Testing Requirement

The University of Virginia (UVA) is requiring all Darden Executive Education and Lifelong Learning (EE&LL) participants to be tested for COVID-19 prior to arrival. Vault Health, which has launched saliva-based at home COVID testing in partnership with Rutgers Clinical Genomics Laboratory, will be administering the COVID test. The test is a FDA-authorized saliva test in the US and has been granted emergency use authorization from the FDA for at-home use.

Here is what participants can expect:

1. Participants will receive a one-time use web link to start the registration process where they are asked two questions—one about exposure and one about potential symptoms. Following the questions, they will be requested to sign a HIPAA consent form allowing the test result to be sent to the program manager at Darden only. The test will be ordered by our MD and sent to a home address. UPS will deliver the test overnight.
2. Once the test kit is received, participants will receive instructions within the kit to join a virtual waiting room via the Zoom platform to be identified and to have the serial number verified on their empty tube.
3. A nurse will walk the participant through the steps necessary to complete the test.
4. Participants will return the sample to the lab in a prepaid overnight return envelope.
5. Test results are emailed within 48-72 hours. The Darden School will receive a master report of test results for all participants that have completed the HIPAA form allowing Vault Health and Rutgers Clinical Genomics Laboratory to release their test results.

Exemption from Testing Requirement:

You will be exempt from the testing requirement if you meet either of the below criteria:

1. You will be at least 14 days post second/final vaccine at the time of your arrival for your program.
2. You have had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 150 days (and have been medically cleared from quarantine).

Mask Requirement and Safety Protocols at Darden

1. All participants must wear a mask when indoors, except when eating meals, and while on any Darden-provided transportation. Unvaccinated participants are also required to wear masks outdoors when in the presence of others.
2. If you are exhibiting any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, do not come to class or program activities, notify your Program Manager of your absence, and you are encouraged to seek medical attention.
3. Regardless of your vaccination status, practice regular handwashing and hand sanitization.