This email was sent to the Carleton family.

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Dear Carleton Family,

Starting tomorrow, April 1, 2021, we will have the ability to limit Carleton’s COVID-19 campus testing capacity to just the students who live on campus. With the increased testing capacity that comes with the approval of the COVID-19 vaccination in Minnesota, we can now test Carleton students before they return to campus. This will allow us to accommodate more students who need to test prior to their return to campus.

Carleton students will again be expected to “lie low” as they await the results of two baseline COVID-19 tests. The first test happens before students return to campus, and the second test will take place after they have been on campus for 24 hours. We believe that by taking this approach, we can limit the risk of introducing COVID-19 to our community.

As of April 1, students who live off-campus will be allowed to do an in-person test at the on-campus testing site. Students who live off-campus and have a documented medical reason for needing an on-campus test will also be allowed to do an in-person test at the on-campus testing site.

For the most current campus testing data, as well as links to the Minnesota Department of Health & Counseling website to help parents and families learn more about the issue of mental health on college campuses in general, there are a number of resources available. Please visit Carleton's COVID-19 Dashboard for the latest information.

We're glad to welcome students back to campus for Spring Term! During the first week of term, we will be focusing on helping students become reacclimated to campus life. We will have a variety of events and activities planned throughout the week to help students get reacclimated to campus life.

Please note: This website is intended to help parents/families and faculty provide support to students who are struggling with a particular mental health concern (including COVID-19), or you would like to learn more about the issue of mental health on college campuses in general. Please visit Carleton's COVID-19 Dashboard for the latest information.

Sincerely,

Dean Livingston
President