Interim Policy on COVID-19 Testing
Enforcement and Clearance for Students

I. Scope of Authority
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Baylor requires students to complete mandatory COVID-19 testing to begin the fall 2020 semester and any other required COVID-19 testing for the academic year. Students are expected to comply with all directives related to this interim policy. This expectation will remain in place until the University makes an official announcement otherwise. Each of us, as a member of a Christian University, has a responsibility to make decisions that place the health and wellbeing of all members of our community as our highest priority as we work together to acquire education in a mutually healthy way.

II. University Notification and Compliance
As stated in University policy, each Baylor student is personally responsible for checking his or her Baylor email on a regular and recurring basis for receipt of official University correspondence. The written notice regarding testing that has been sent to the student at his or her Baylor email account constitutes full and adequate notice of these requirements.

Because testing is so important to maintaining the health and safety of our campus community, it is vital that each student follows the requirements of this interim policy. In the event there is a complaint of alleged noncompliance, the failure to comply complaint will be reviewed by Student Conduct Administration as consistent with the Student Conduct Code and this interim policy. Should a student be found responsible for violating this interim policy then the student will be subject to a range of sanctions including by not limited to loss of privilege to attend in-person Baylor classes, restricted access to University resources, restricted access to the Baylor campus, as well as possible separation from the University if the situation is determined to warrant such action. Students should understand that this interim policy has been implemented to protect their safety as well as the safety of the community.

III. Requirements for Completed Testing
All Students
All students must submit a required test unless otherwise directed by University Health Services. Students who have not completed the University’s required testing will be limited to online engagement with in-person classes and their access to campus property and buildings (including moving into the residence halls) and/or campus events will be restricted until they have submitted their test result to the University’s Health
administrators and, if the test was positive, complied fully with isolation requirements which generally includes self-isolating for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test.

Students may be required by the University to undergo further testing as deemed necessary to protect the safety of the community. Testing options are available in the Waco community and through the Baylor University Health Center.

**On-Campus Students**
In addition to the requirements for all students noted above, on-campus students will be restricted from moving into their residence hall room and will need to reside in alternate housing (e.g. hotel, return home) until they have submitted their test result to the University’s Health administrators and, if the test was positive, complied fully with isolation requirements which generally includes self-isolating in an alternate housing location for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test.

**International Students:**
International students traveling from outside the U.S. are required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in the U.S. Documentation regarding entry date into the U.S. from Baylor’s Center for Global Engagement will be required. However, if an international student travels to the U.S., completes the required 14 day self-quarantine, and is in the U.S. for more than 7 days before starting class and/or moving into their residence hall, the students will be required to test before they can move into the residence hall or attend in-person classes. International students who are in the testing category will be limited to online engagement with in-person classes and, if their residence is on campus, will be required to live in an alternate housing location until they have submitted their test result to the University’s Health administrators and, if the test was positive, complied fully with isolation requirements which generally includes self-isolating for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test.

**U.S. Students Who Have Traveled Abroad Recently**
U.S. citizens who travel abroad are required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon their arrival in the U.S. In the event a student who is a U.S. citizen can produce a passport that verifies international travel entry to the U.S. occurred in a timeframe of more than 14 days but less than 21 days prior to the start of classes (or the date of moving into their residence hall room should they be an on-campus resident) and confirm they have self-quarantined for the specified period of time upon their return from their international travel and are symptom free, they may be cleared to move into their residence hall and attend in-person classes by the University’s Health administrators. However, if the date on their passport is older than 21 days, they will be required to test before they can move into the residence halls or attend in-person classes. U.S. students who are in the testing category will be limited to online engagement with in-person classes and, if their residence is on campus, will be required to live in an alternate housing location (e.g. hotel, return home) until they have submitted their test result to the University’s Health administrators and, if the test was positive, complied fully with isolation requirements which generally includes self-isolating for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test.
IV. Clearance Processes
As noted above in Section III, students who have not completed the required testing or have a positive test will not be allowed to attend in-person classes, move into the residence halls, or access campus buildings or campus events until they have been cleared to do so by the University’s Health administrators. The clearance process will require the student to submit their test result to the University’s Health administrators and, if the test was positive, comply fully with isolation requirements which generally includes self-isolating for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test.

V. Enforcement Process
Due to the importance of testing to mitigate the spread of the virus, it is vital that each student follows the requirements of this interim policy. In the event there is a complaint of alleged noncompliance, Baylor’s Student Conduct Administration office will notify the student of the alleged complaint and seek the student’s compliance with the interim policy. Should the student choose not to comply (complete the required testing and if needed self-isolate as directed) then appropriate action(s) will be initiated as outlined in Section II above and the following more immediate steps may be taken: disabling the student’s Bear ID, placing a hold on their registration, and notifying their professors.

V. Policy Updates
This requirement—a vital part of our many COVID-19 mitigation efforts—is in place until further notice by Baylor University and is subject to change based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and in coordination with the City of Waco and state of Texas health directives. The layering of strategies to prevent COVID-19 spread that we expect all members of the Baylor community to practice include self-assessment for symptoms, handwashing, cleaning and disinfecting, wearing face coverings, maintaining social distance between other people, and staying home when not feeling well. The University strongly encourages the campus community to continue to practice all of these healthy habits daily.