

Austin College and GoGetTested Team Up on COVID Testing to Keep Campus Safe

88% of students returned to campus; no-charge PCR testing makes it work

SHERMAN, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, October 13, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- How can schools keep students and faculty safe while holding classes on campus? PCR testing is key, say [Austin College](#) officials — so they're working with [GoGetTested.com](#) to help keep the campus safe.

Students, faculty, staff, and members of the community around Austin College, north of Dallas, Sherman, TX, can visit [GoGetTested.com](#) to make an appointment in about a minute, and can visit the on-campus test site to get tested usually in less than five minutes after arriving on site. Results come back to individuals in 40 hours — and often much sooner.



GoGetTested has helped Texas with Covid-19 and will soon be helping other states

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“Even with all of the safety protocols we follow, our ability to reduce virus transmission by identifying those who are positive for COVID was hampered by the lack of reliable, timely testing,” said Austin College President Steven P. O’Day, J.D. “Now, however, GoGetTested has made PCR testing, the most sensitive and accurate test, easy to obtain. We have seized this opportunity by establishing an on-campus testing site.”

The college uses Polymerase Chain Reaction, or PCR, tests for students, faculty, and staff. The campus community's day begins with a Health Screen every day using the Austin College Mobile App, reporting any symptoms and/or contact with a test-positive case of COVID-19.

“We’re very pleased with GoGetTested’s accuracy, reliability and portability,” said Austin College Chief Marketing & Communications Officer Lynn Z. Womble, Ph.D. “We were notified on a Thursday, and the van was on campus and ready to test the following Monday. We appreciate that the staff is multilingual. The entire process has just been so smooth – they’ve been a delight to work with.”

In addition to testing students, faculty, and staff, the GoGetTested site is open to the general public. In fact, the college intentionally put the testing center on the edge of campus to make it easy for the local community to visit. Just register at [gogettested.com](https://www.gogettested.com), and go to the parking lot west of Wright Campus Center, 1301 E. Brockett.

Hours of Operation Open to the Public:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This story appeared first on two TV stations and a newspaper:

<https://www.kten.com/story/42742869/austin-college-teams-up-for-testing>

<https://bit.ly/3jMMsFP>

<https://bit.ly/3iVq6ka>

About GoGetTested

GoGetTested, a unique public and private consortium, is the world’s most complete and advanced Covid19 test-and-response operating system. GoGetTested provides testing to symptomatic and asymptomatic people alike. It has no exposure qualifying requirements, and delivers lab results more quickly and accurately than other systems can.

The consortium—which includes Precision Primary Care startup Wellhealth, PE-backed Lab HealthTrackRx, event-management company Victory Marketing, inventory and warehouse management company Lead Commerce, and Silicon Valley-based healthcare fintech startup Wellpay— is able to test tens of thousands of people per day. There is no charge to individuals, and test results are delivered via text and email. Visit us at [GoGetTested.com](https://www.GoGetTested.com).

About Austin College

Austin College, a private national liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas, has earned a reputation for excellence in academic preparation, international study, pre-professional foundations, leadership development, committed faculty, and hands-on, adventurous learning opportunities. One of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope’s influential book *Colleges That Change Lives*, Austin College boasts a welcoming community that embraces diversity and individuality, with more than 50 percent of students identifying as persons of color. The residential student body of approximately 1,300 students and more than 100 expert faculty members allow a 13:1 student-faculty ratio and personalized attention. Related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA), Austin College cultivates an inclusive atmosphere that supports

students' faith journeys regardless of religious tradition. The College, founded in 1849, is the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under its original name and charter.

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