

**From:** Matthew Hiller

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**Subject:** Linfield School of Nursing - RSVP for Orientation and COVID Testing Signup

Hello \_\_\_\_\_,

Welcome to the Linfield University School of Nursing! My name is Matt Hiller and I am the Assistant Dean of Students / Director of Student Life for the School of Nursing.

This email is lengthy, but contains important information. Please read through it carefully. You have two steps to take that are highlighted in purple below.

## **New Student Orientation**

As previously communicated, **New Student Orientation** will take place in two formats.

- **Blackboard:** Access to the New Student Orientation course on Blackboard is available Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 8<sup>th</sup>. All courses use Blackboard so this experience will provide you the opportunity to become familiar with Blackboard if you are not already before you start classes
- **In-person on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am – noon:** We will also offer an option to attend through Zoom if you prefer. Note that you will have to have either had your COVID test with Linfield on Feb. 1 or provided documentation of your negative result in order to attend Orientation (see below for more details). Students will be separated into 3 large lecture halls in order to follow COVID space requirements. Remember to bring your mask! Masks are required on all of campus, both outside and inside. See [Linfield's COVID Information page](#) for more details.
  - [Click to RSVP for New Student Orientation](#) (You will need to use your Linfield login info – if you have not received this yet, you should be receiving it within a few days.) – To help us plan for Orientation, we are requesting that you RSVP to let us know if you will be attending in person or through Zoom.
  - [February 5<sup>th</sup> Schedule](#)
  - More details on Orientation will be forth coming

## **COVID Testing**

We are excited to welcome you to the brand new Linfield School of Nursing campus. The new campus address is [2900 NE 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97230](#)

All students are required to test for COVID prior to the start of spring term. COVID testing will be offered for incoming students on the new NE Portland Campus on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am – 3pm. This will guarantee we have your results prior to New Student Orientation.

[Sign up for your COVID testing here](#) (You will need to use your Linfield login info). **You may only sign up for Feb. 1, 9am – 3pm.**

- **Note that after you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to a form you will need to complete.** Please complete this form as it will allow testing day to go as smooth as possible.
- **Your deadline to signup is: January 17 at 11:59pm.** After this time, the signup will open up to all Portland nursing students and be available until January 24.

- **Exemptions.** You are exempt from testing if you meet the follow guidelines and it is documented in Complio:
  1. You have received both doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine.
  2. You have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days from February 1.To document your exemption in Complio with Linfield, please refer to the email from Reese Hiller pasted below.

**If you are unable to test at the Linfield SON** on the date offered, you will be required to secure your own test no earlier than January 25 at your own expense. Results must be submitted to Complio and emailed to [pdxstudentlife@linfield.edu](mailto:pdxstudentlife@linfield.edu) no later than February 4<sup>th</sup>. If you tested prior to January 25, you will need to test again January 25 or later. To find a testing location, you can work with your primary care provider, utilize the [Oregon testing map](#), or check with your state's and county's health department. Note that there can be up to 72 hours turnaround time for receiving your test results, not including weekends, and you may want to plan for this. Tests done outside of Linfield must be appropriate for asymptomatic individuals. Check with the organization providing the test to confirm it is appropriate for asymptomatic individuals.

As professional students in the nursing program, we are confident you will ensure you meet one of the standards above before attending classes. We greatly appreciate your dedication to keeping each other safe.

Throughout spring term, we will be doing representative sampling every two weeks and covering about 25% of the student body over the entire term. Subject to change.

Regards,  
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