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TO: Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students in Category 4

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SUBJECT: Category 4 Testing During Holiday Break

With the holidays approaching and the vast majority of undergraduate students leaving campus for winter break, our COVID-19 testing system will have extra capacity. As a result, for a limited time during the holiday break, we're pleased to offer COVID-19 tests to BU faculty, staff, and graduate students who have been assigned to Category 4 because they have not been on campus this semester.

Testing will be funded by the University and offered on a once-per-week basis during two time periods: **December 12-23; and January 2-10**. After January 10, due to capacity constraints, this special testing program will end as the University resumes residential operations for the spring semester. At that time, faculty, staff, and graduate students in Category 4 will again be asked not to come to campus or to sign up for tests unless their testing category changes.

If you'd like to be tested during the above time periods, please familiarize yourself with the University's [Healthway](#) site, where you can find scheduling and testing how-to's. Please be sure to make your appointment early, and at least 24 hours in advance. Walk-ups are not permitted.

On the morning of your test, you will need to submit a report through the BU Healthway site attesting that you are not showing any symptoms of COVID-19. You will then receive a green "cleared" badge either by email (faculty and staff) or through Patient Connect (graduate students). You must present that badge at your appointment, along with your BU ID. Testing results should be available the next day.

If you report that you have symptoms the morning of your appointment, you can still get tested. Healthway will schedule your test at the Health Service Annex, located behind Agganis Arena, the site designated for symptomatic testing.

We hope the increased availability of testing during the holiday season will further help keep you and your family, as well as the community at large, safe and healthy.