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To whom it may concern:

In an effort to eliminate the spread of COVID-19 on its campus in Atchison, Kansas, Benedictine College expects all students to present a negative COVID-19 test result from the week of January 4, 2021. The result must be submitted before a student can return to continue their education on campus.

We appreciate the help of all testing facilities in this effort to combat the pandemic. We realize that our students will likely not present symptoms, but we discovered dozens of asymptomatic carriers in the fall when we tested students upon arrival. The lag time between testing and the results allowed those people to remain in the campus community for several days before being isolated, resulting in the spread of the virus.

This strategy for the spring semester is designed to eliminate that issue.

If you have any questions, please contact Benedictine's COVID-19 Coordinator, Laura O'Grady RN, at [logrady@benedictine.edu](mailto:logrady@benedictine.edu) or 913.360.7118.

Thank you for your cooperation.