

Mayo Clinic Antibody Study

How is COVID-19 affecting college communities?

Geneva College has been selected as one of two campuses nationwide for a Mayo Clinic research study screening for COVID-19 antibodies. Participation in the research study is not mandatory, but elective for all faculty, staff and students. We are thankful for the opportunity to participate as a community in this Mayo Clinic COVID-19 research project and trust that most of our community members will choose to participate in the study.

Participating faculty, staff, and students will be tested when we arrive on campus and again about a month after classes start to learn more about how COVID-19 impacts college and university communities. This serological test will also screen for influenza (A and B), RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus—a common cause of bronchitis and pneumonia in infants and older adults), and seasonal coronaviruses (other than COVID-19).

The study will be conducted by Mayo Clinic, free of charge to all participants. All personal results will remain private. The College will receive aggregate data reports without personal references. Participants who receive a positive antibody result will qualify for a standard COVID-19 test covered by most insurance carriers. Dr. Gregory A. Poland, Distinguished Investigator of the Mayo Clinic and a member of Geneva's COVID-19 Advisory Council is leading the research study.