**COVID-19 Testing Yields Few Positive Cases**

On October 1, Austin College began random COVID-19 testing to identify symptomatic and asymptomatic carriers of the virus. Students, faculty, and staff who learn, live, or work on campus are available to the Austin College community and to the public.

1,473 tests given to students, faculty, and staff, only eight positive cases were reported. The PCR test is highly accurate and is considered the gold standard for diagnosing COVID-19. Positive cases are isolated and contact tracing begins immediately. The testing site is set up and free for Austin College students, faculty, and staff. Students and Faculty Get a 7th-Week Stretch

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