

Beginning April 3, 2023, Penn Medicine employees and contractors will no longer be required to complete the daily PennOpen Pass (POP) screening questions, and will no longer receive daily text message reminders to complete the screening. Instead, employees will be required to use POP to report any of the following:

- A new positive COVID-19 test result (from lab *or* home testing)
- A higher risk exposure\* event
- Onset of symptoms that may be caused by COVID-19 such as:
  - New cough
  - New difficulty breathing
  - Fever above 100.0°F or feeling feverish (chills, body aches)
  - New sore throat for ≥ 24 hours that is worsening
  - New nasal congestion for ≥ 24 hours (and not consistent with seasonal allergy symptoms)
  - New loss of taste and smell

Employees may access POP in one of two ways.

- Text “Check” to 94501 and click on the link to complete the screening questions and then await instructions from the POP team
- Click on the UPHS intranet home page PennOpen Pass icon, click on “Get Started” and follow instructions on the home page

The POP and Red Pass Management team will continue to provide guidance on need for testing, assistance with scheduling testing, recommendations on return-to-work dates, and masking guidance during periods after exposure or recent COVID-19 infections.

Employees who would like to schedule a COVID-19 PCR test at a Penn Medicine location may still do so by one of two ways:

1. Text “Check” to 94501, click on the link, answer the POP screening questions to get a Green Pass, and then click on the Green Pass link that says, “Want COVID-19 testing?”
2. Sign on to the UPHS intranet home page, click on the PennOpen Pass icon, log in, and then select Employee Testing from the options on your profile screen.

\*A higher risk exposure includes having a household member with COVID-19, or extensive exposure to a patient with COVID-19 and while not wearing a recommended N95 respirator. More information can be found in the current UPHS Exposure Guidelines found [here](#).