Dear Northeastern University in Seattle community,

We are pleased to announce that the Northeastern campus in Seattle will implement additional safety measures to #ProtectThePackNU from the transmission of COVID-19. Beginning January 25, 2021, onsite COVID-19 testing will be available to faculty, staff, and students Monday-Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

Regular, required COVID-19 testing will provide our community an additional safety measure—along with required daily wellness screenings prior to coming to campus, temperature checks upon entry, healthy distancing, mask wearing, and frequent hand-washing and disinfection of surfaces while in the space.

Beginning February 1, you cannot be on campus unless you have had a negative test result within the last 7 days. Testing will be required on a weekly basis for students, faculty, and staff who are utilizing campus at least once a week. The
testing center is open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, and all appointments need to be scheduled in advance using Acuity Reservation System; a link to the reservation system will be sent out by January 22. The samples will be collected via a self-administered anterior nasal swab and analyzed by our external partner, Color. The Color COVID-19 Test is a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) assay that tests for an active infection of COVID-19. It is not an antibody or a PCR test. We will be following up next week with more details on the testing process. The Testing FAQs provide additional details on scheduling your test, completing the pre-testing to-do items, the testing process and requirements, and accessing your test results.

The Seattle campus will be hosting a Town Hall on Monday, January 25 at 2 pm PST to provide additional information about our testing process and answer questions from our community. All staff, faculty, and students are encouraged to attend.

Our campus FAQs continue to evolve and provide further details on how Northeastern in Seattle is responding to COVID-19. I look forward to welcoming you to campus for the winter and spring terms. Thank you in advance for participating in the testing program and for following the other health and safety protocols that will promote a safe and healthy environment for all.

Sincerely,

Dave Thurman
Regional Dean & CEO, Seattle Campus