

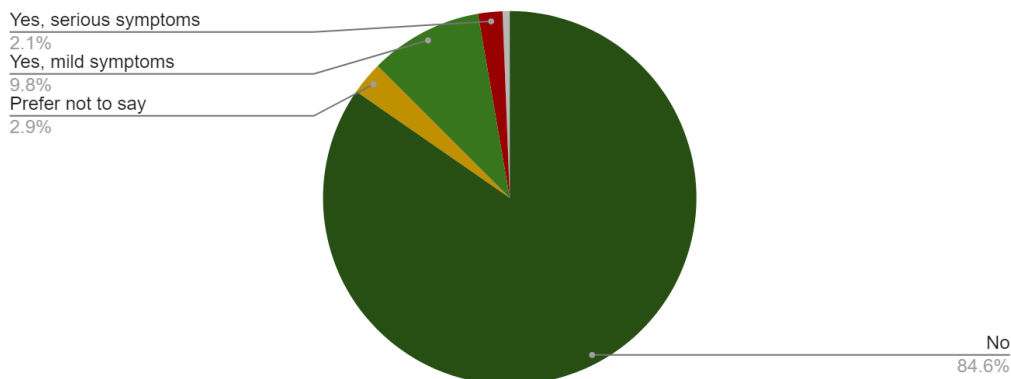
## Overview

This survey ran on the UASU Perks platform from January 11 to 18, 2022. It reached 1174 points of contact, almost entirely undergraduate students, representing a 72% response rate among unique users who logged into Perks in that time window. The survey comprised five multiple choice questions and four short answer questions; the short answer questions generated more than 15,000 words of responses.

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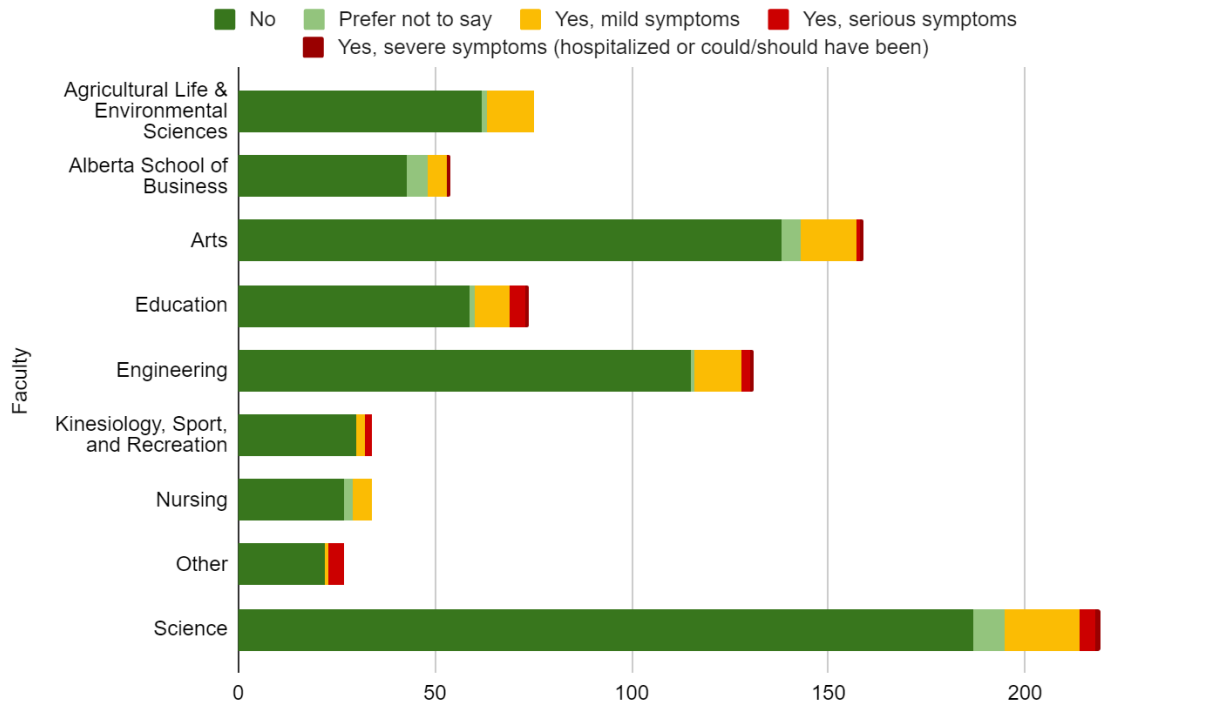
More than half of all students report that they have not had COVID-19 since the start of the term. The majority of students that have come in contact with COVID-19 report that they have experienced mild symptoms.

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Amongst faculties, Sciences, Arts and Engineering have some of the highest number of students that have come into contact with COVID-19.

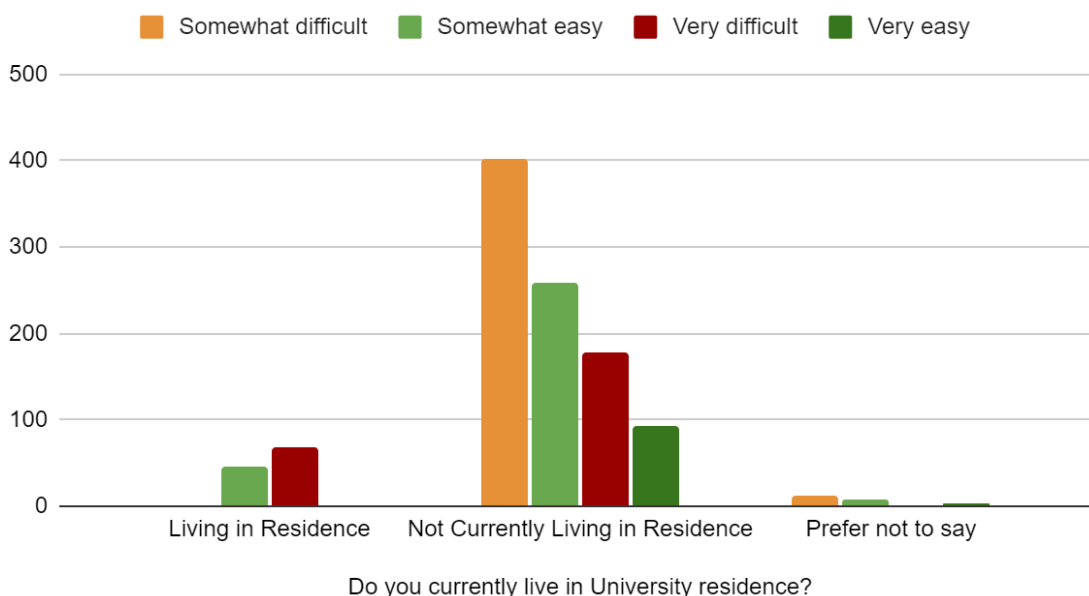
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## How easy have you found it to get rapid testing?

A substantial number of students have experienced difficulty with getting access to rapid testing, with the highest proportion of these students living in residence. In total 23% of students noted it was very difficult to get rapid testing, and 38.6% of students found it somewhat difficult to get rapid testing.

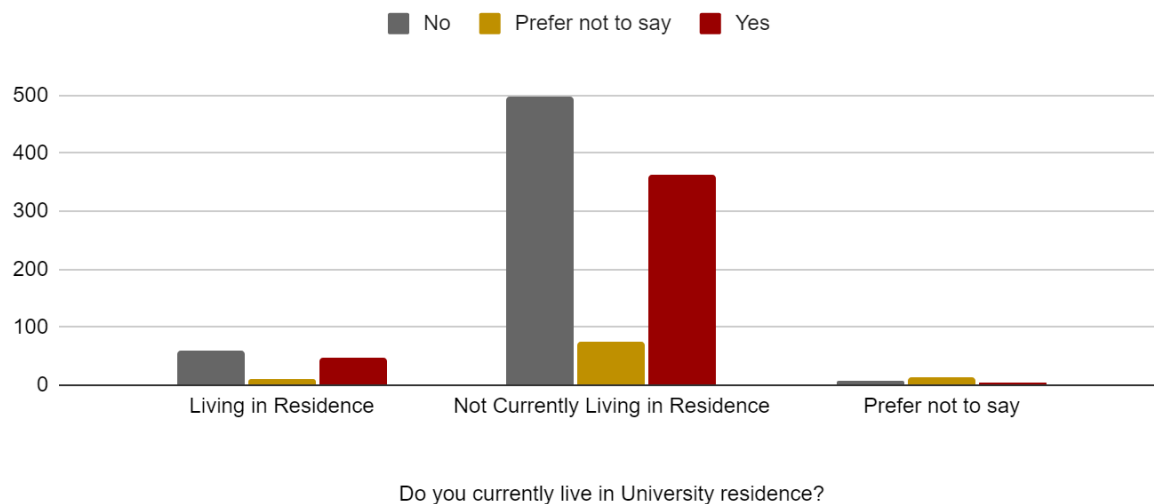
## How easy have you found it to get rapid testing?



## Have you ever been discouraged from getting tested due to the lack of availability of rapid tests or other forms of testing?

When students were asked if they had been discouraged from getting tested due to lack of availability 38.8% of students not living in residence responded that they had been discouraged. 40% of respondents living in residence stated that they have been discouraged from getting rapid tests due to lack of availability.

### Have you ever been discouraged from getting tested due to the lack of availability of rapid tests or other forms of testing?



This information corresponds with the quantitative data obtained from the survey. Take, for example, one student's statement, "There's literally no rapid tests available anywhere right now and I'm barely eligible to get a PCR test despite being high risk."

## Has there ever been an instance in which you felt discouraged to get rapid testing or other forms of testing?

Similar reports regarding the scarceness of tests are found in the data from respondents.

- Constantly unable to access tests
- Felt discouraged because it's so hard to find a pharmacy with rapid test kits available
- I was told that rapid testing should be saved for the elderly or vulnerable populations from a pharmacist when I was inquiring if any were available
- No access to test kits
- Threatened to lose jobs of other people in the household because of testing, regardless of the results.
- Yes, currently: rapid tests are next (to) impossible to access affordably and I don't feel it's responsible to book a regular test when the AB govt is acting the

way it is discouraging people from testing. I had to cough up \$40 this week to get a single rapid test at shoppers

- Yes, from my parents
- yes, the government is discouraging testing now and making it hard to get one
- Yes. I avoid them because of the high false positives and in the past if you tested positive it impacted the livelihood of everyone around you as they now had to isolate and miss work because of you.
- Didn't want to get exams deferred - wanted to get it over with
- I do not have a car and it felt wrong to take transit, so getting to testing was not possible.
- I work at a pharmacy so no problem with me
- Was potentially exposed and (had) no symptoms. AHS does not want to test you at their facilities unless you have symptoms. I couldn't find a rapid test so I stayed home for 5 days and went out after with no symptoms.
- Yes. I'm disabled and therefore can't drive, and didn't feel comfortable taking transit with possible covid. I don't have (a) family who could take me (or any family in the province in general). I phoned 211 but they couldn't help me so I was never able to be tested. I just had to quarantine like I was positive.

### Do you know of anyone that has been discouraged from getting rapid testing or other forms of testing?

These common themes amongst respondents replies emerged:

- Friend(s)
- Yes - it's so hard to find rapid tests
- Yes, my aunt has a family of 6 living at home and she tested positive. They can't get enough rapid tests for the whole family to be able to test often so we've given them a bunch of ours
- A couple peers.
- coworkers
- I don't know anyone who has been discouraged from testing, however I know people who are simply not able to find accessible PCR testing, can't spend the money on a private test and people who didn't get any of the limited quantity of at-home rapid tests
- I don't think so
- I have family members who do not want to get tested because if they get a false positive, they are cancelling their plans for nothing. If they get a false negative, the test is more harmful than it is good.
- Literally everyone I know
- My mother

## What are some factors, apart from symptoms, that determine your willingness to get rapid testing?

These common factors are representative of respondent's responses:

- Distance, availability and accessibility
- Being out on public transit with symptoms.
- Believing the tests are not very accurate
- Close contacts with exposure or symptoms
- Concern regarding people around me
- Cost
- Ease of testing
- Work
- If I need to leave my house.
- Social events
- If I'm working with many people
- Nothing
- Peace of mind
- Social wellbeing
- The likelihood that the pharmacy will be sold out
- If it is required by the government or an authoritative body in order to do something.

## Are you satisfied with available access to COVID-19 testing on campus?

General consensus surrounding student satisfaction with COVID-19 -testing indicated that students were unsatisfied with the available testing sites on campus, with 85% of all respondents selecting 'No' under this question. Dissatisfaction was consistent across years of study.

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