

331st Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 331-016

A Bill

To provide emergency COVID assistance for William & Mary campus

The COVID Emergency Response Act

An Act of the 331st Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Spencer Krivo ('26), Class President Mia Tilman ('24), Senator Hazel Vineet ('25), Senator Soleil Garnett ('24), and Senator Matthew Hwang ('25)

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a distinct threat to health on campus;

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies testing for COVID-19 to be imperative to public health and safety;

WHEREAS, students can currently be tested for COVID-19 at the McLeod Tyler Health & Wellness Center through an appointment and with significant symptoms.

WHEREAS, the vending machines containing COVID tests in Sadler have been removed;

WHEREAS, there is no access to rapid COVID tests on campus;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 testing is important to prevent and contain outbreaks on campus;

WHEREAS, there are many reports of individuals who have contracted covid on campus since the start of the 2023 Fall Semester;

WHEREAS, free, easily accessible COVID tests in public areas on campus will incentivize students to test more often, preventing the spread of COVID to other students, faculty, and staff.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$1,500 from Student Assembly Reserves for the the purchase of 288 [FlowFlex Rapid Antigen Tests](#) from the [Prescription Shoppe](#), to be picked up by the sponsors of this bill;
2. Stipulates that the tests will be stored and distributed by WM Library staff and will be found on the Swem circulation desk, as well as potentially in the Business School Library
3. Charges the Department of Outreach with promoting free COVID tests on SA social media accounts, including where to get COVID tests on and off campus, as well as information about how students should respond to testing and COVID guidelines;
4. Stipulates that all unused funds will return to the Student Assembly reserves.