Hi everyone, I'm Kelly Tyrrell. I'm the Director of Research Communications here at UW–Madison, and I'm part of our COVID response and Safer Badgers teams.

Today we're going to talk about how to get started using the Safer Badgers app. To find where to download the app, go to saferbadgers.wisc.edu.

Once you download the app, go ahead and open it. Click Get Started, and then sign in using your NetID.

You will find a number of steps to get set up for the first time, including agreeing to a consent form and opting in or opting out of the anonymous Bluetooth exposure notifications feature, which we will discuss more later.

Once you're on your app's home screen, you'll see several options, but near the top you will see the option to find test locations. Tap Find Test Locations.

Here you'll find all the locations available. The blue icon next to the location indicates that a site is ADA accessible. Included with each test site is a drop down menu where you can view the days and times each site is open. You can visit any site during its open hours – no appointments – and under each site you will see expected wait times.

There are three possibilities: A short wait time of 15 minutes or less, indicated by a green circle; a medium wait time of 15-30 minutes, which is a yellow circle; and a long wait time of 30 minutes or longer, which is a red circle. This gives you the flexibility to choose sites based on your needs.

Some sites will also have a gray circle for a period of time each day to allow staff to take a midday break. You can find the hours of these closures under the Notes listed at each location.

Before you can take your test, you'll need to update your personal information. From the home screen, click on the settings icon. Here we're using Bucky as an example. Scroll down to the bottom of the settings menu and tap Personal Information. At the bottom, tap Update My Information. This information is required by Dane County Public Health, so you'll want to verify that it is accurate. Once done, click Submit Form.

Once you go get your test, you should get your results back within about 24 hours. Once they're back, you'll see at the top of your app a button that says, View Health History. Tap View Health History to see your results. Here's an example from January 7th. If you click More Info, you can see the results of your test.

Back on the main screen, another important feature is your Badger Badge. Your Bader Badge, your all-access pass to campus. Your badge will tell new Badger Wellness Ambassadors that you're following campus health and safety protocols, including regular campus testing. Tap Show Badger Badge. When you use your app, you should see your photo. This is taken from your Wiscard. Underneath you should see your name.

The Badger Badge actually serves two purposes. This first screen, with your picture, is what you'll show Badger Wellness Ambassadors when you enter campus buildings. If you are in compliance with campus testing and haven't been instructed by public health to isolate or quarantine, it will show Access Granted and you may enter the building. If you are out of compliance, however, it will show Access Denied. This does not disclose any health information to the Badger Wellness Ambassador. The first time you log in you will see Access Denied, but once you complete your first negative test this will change to Access Granted. As long as you remain in compliance your access will be granted through the badger badge.

Now, swipe left. Here you will find your unique QR code. This is what you will show when you go to campus testing sites to go submit your saliva sample.

Now, one last thing. We talked earlier about exposure notifications. This voluntary and anonymous feature uses Bluetooth to share anonymous tokens with other app users who have also opted in. Users with this feature on will get a notification if their device is in proximity to another device for at least two hours and the other device's user tests positive within 14 days. If you want to turn this feature on, or off, you can tap the small gear at the top of your app's home screen to go to your settings. Look for the exposure notifications and click to toggle this feature on or off.

There are a few more options for you to explore, but you are now ready to use the app. Click Get Started to get tested and get access. Stay well.