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As we are in the sixth week of the semester, The Radford [University COVID-19 Dashboard](#) shows signs of declining. The university averaged six new daily cases this past week as opposed to last week's nine daily case average.

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Carilion Clinic and the Radford University Student Health Center performed mandatory testing for students Sept. 10, according to the University COVID-19 Dashboard.

Overall, Radford University [Student Health Center](#), in partnership with PathGroups, have performed 3,486 tests since the start of the academic year.

"We are demonstrating that Radford University has once again successfully slowed the spread of COVID-19 on our campus by continuing to lower the number of weekly positive cases," According to an email sent out Tuesday, Sept. 15 from Radford University President Brian O. Hemphill.



Photo Credit: (Annie Spratt) The University COVID-19 Dashboard is updated weekly to provide the Radford community with campus-based testing information and related data.

As testing continues on campus, Radford University Carilion in Roanoke, Va., will offer its first surveillance testing for facility, staff, and students.

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According to the [School of Public Health at the University of Michigan](#), “The purpose of surveillance tests is to monitor the current state of the epidemic. The best way to think about this is how it’s currently used for influenza: In this process, the CDC will send reports out to say, “Influenza season has started, it’s very high, it’s very severe, this year, or starting to end.” They can also use this testing data to figure out how useful our tools are. For example, how useful is the vaccine? Or, how useful are antivirals in an urgent situation? Those same systems can be deployed to monitor COVID-19 infections in the same way, and we can use those to monitor things like whether it is moving into new areas, whether it is affecting some groups of people more than other groups of people, or whether it is going up or going down.”

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