



# THE CITADEL

THE MILITARY COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 22 July 2020

**TO:** Incoming Cadets

**FROM:** Col. (Dr.) Carey Capell

**SUBJECT:** Requirement for COVID Testing to Attend The Citadel.

In order to reduce the risk of Coronavirus transmission to the campus community, The Citadel has directed incoming cadets to obtain a negative COVID-19 viral test prior to matriculation. Cadets live and train in close quarters and the risk of rapid spread of the virus from infected individuals is elevated, despite wearing masks and social distancing. Thus we must restrict COVID-positive individuals from the campus for safety reasons.

We understand that many physicians and testing facilities are reluctant to test asymptomatic individuals because of limited testing supplies. However COVID-positive individuals are known to transmit the virus despite a lack of symptoms. Please pass this Memo to your physician or testing lab to explain the need for a viral (not antibody) test even though you have no COVID symptoms. If they have questions about this requirement, please have them contact me ([carey.capell@citadel.edu](mailto:carey.capell@citadel.edu)). Thank you.

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