COVID Surveillance Testing

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 - Antigen testing? Is this even a requirement?

Why Test Unvaccinated Employees

- With prior variants to catch asymptomatic cases early. Risk of infection in unvaccinated individuals was several fold greater
- But are unvaccinated employees at that much greater risk of infection at this point?

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PATIENTS

		Pre-AGP	On Admission	During Admission
Regulatory				
requirement?		No	No	No
Good idea?		It depends		
What is UW Medicine Doing?	OR	Asx Outpt - NO		
		Inpt - YES	YES	YES
	Non-OR	YES		

EMPLOYEES

	Unvaccinated employees
What is UW doing?	No