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#### **Translation**

Colleges and universities have been heavily relying on regular and routine testing of students for SARS-CoV-2, even if they do not have symptoms. In this paper, we observe the voluntary testing program at University of California, Berkeley that was implemented at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. This program was implemented first as a research study before the actual clinical implementation, allowing us to test students while also continuing to improve testing protocols. Results of the test protocol and students' experiences with the testing program showed us that the program was successful at providing consistent and reliable testing that helped prevent SARS-CoV-2 spread within the university community and at encouraging students to get tested and be responsible in the middle of a global pandemic.