

AP BIOLOGY – UPDATE:

Corona Guidelines and Response Strategy as per College Board.

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Briley, Shannon and Maya,

I just spent an hour and 25 minutes on the phone with the college board and have come up with a number of answers and pieces of information that will set the tone and direction for our pathways to prepare for the test.

I think in this year given the circumstances the test will have a greater passing rate due to the adaptations and the nature of the crisis at hand. It is on that note that I strongly urge each of you to take a vantage of this opportunity and move forward with the following guidelines towards preparation.

1. AP student /parent hotline number: 877-274-6474. The people at the other end of this line are excellent and can guide you in any manner or direction that you may ask.

2. What do we know about the test?

We do know that there will be no multiple-choice questioning.

It will be a 45 minute test taken at home.

All responses will be free response/written.

The test will cover Units 1-6 only,

Thus excluding Units 7 and 8 on natural selection and evolution and ecology.

3. What happens on April 3?

The college board will release a description of the formatting and nature of the test. It will also reveal to possible test states.

You may only take the test only once. I would greatly suggest the later

test. Each of these tests are different..

It will then be revealed what time the test starts in the course of the Day. The timeline for a return score on your test will be announced then.

4. And lastly, there will be a clear set of instructions on how to access the test..

5. What supports are available?

Because of the general nature of this unique year the collegeboard will be offering no practice examinations for this coronavirus 2020 testing episode..

A video/instructional classroom that can be accessed live at the time or reviewed on YouTube by simply searching “advanced placement”; Of course choosing your AP test discipline. These have been specifically made to address the six major learning units it will be on the test for this Covid 2019–20 school year. I suggest watching a few times and taking notes using your book as a cross reference and/or Internet research. I was instructed that this website was very very good as per Direct from AP college board Go to: “[apstudents.collegeboard.org/Coronavirus - updates#free-ap-classes](https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/Coronavirus-updates#free-ap-classes)”.

6. Here are the six major units that will be the focus of the AP biology exam this year:

1. The Chemistry of Life.
2. Cell Structure and Function
3. Cell Energetics.
4. Cell Communication and the Cell Cycle.
5. Heredity

6. Gene Expression and Regulation.

We are currently almost through with number five and getting into number six. I have a booklet that has everyone of these outlined. Perhaps I can get a copied tomorrow and maybe mail those to you. I will see if I can access them online and cut and paste first though.

7. What should you be doing right now?

Am going to review of topics are really covered, vocabulary list etc..
The work that I sent you home with finishing up your Mendel packet on genetics.

Reading the assigned pages in the textbook.

Accessing the college board website posted earlier in this communication for questions and answers clarification and further resources.

More on the 3rd of April, RIZZO