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To SUNY Poly Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As the risk of COVID-19 exposure remains high in many regions around the country and the world, especially for unvaccinated individuals, I want to remind you about the importance of following CDC recommendations when traveling to support our campus communities' health.

Most importantly, SUNY Poly requires anyone who is approved to travel as part of their position to follow CDC recommendations, including testing and quarantine upon return, if applicable based on vaccination status. For personal travel, SUNY Poly strongly encourages individuals to follow the same current CDC travel guidance to minimize the risk of sickness and to avoid potential long quarantine periods which could cause disruptions upon return, including to your ability to immediately return to work (which may require you to charge sick time).

Please refer to the following helpful links which provide the most current recommendations:

**A. Website:** [Travel Information](#)

- **Travel Advisories**

All travel advisories issued for U.S. travelers can be found on the [U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories website](#).

- **Who to Notify if you are Traveling**

For the safety and wellbeing of our faculty, staff, and students, please send notifications to those indicated below if you are traveling:

- **SUNY Poly-related travel:** Susan Head, [heads@sunypoly.edu](mailto:heads@sunypoly.edu)
- **Personal Travel:**
  - Employees: If approved to use vacation time, it is recommended to contact [sunypolyhr@sunypoly.edu](mailto:sunypolyhr@sunypoly.edu) about your return to ensure it is in compliance with travel guidelines and on schedule.

**Students:**

Students who intend to travel during the semester or during an academic break must follow the CDC guidelines as noted above. Please note that unvaccinated students traveling within the United States may have testing and quarantine requirements (refer to CDC guidelines-see links below).

If you are traveling internationally (vaccinated or unvaccinated), please notify [COVIDCompliance@sunypoly.edu](mailto:COVIDCompliance@sunypoly.edu) for guidance related to return to campus. International students must work directly with the Office of International Admissions and Student Services if traveling abroad.

**B. FAQ:** [Are there travel restrictions when traveling to or from out of state/internationally?](#)

- The [New York State Department of Health](#) refers travelers to the CDC for any requirements, restrictions, or recommendations on [domestic](#) and [international](#) travel.
  - [Domestic Travel Guidance](#)
  - [International Travel Guidance](#)
  - [Specific Location Guidance](#)

I hope the information above provides you with appropriate direction regarding travel expectations to help ensure your health and safety from the time you travel through your return.

Sincerely,

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