

January 19, 2021

Dear Students,

Happy New Year! In just a couple of weeks, our spring semester will begin and we will be welcoming many of you back to campus. In preparation for your arrival and the start of classes on February 1 (don't forget our first week is remote for everyone), we wanted to share some important information so that you can plan accordingly for a safe and approved return.

The information below is essential for the return of all students who are residing on campus, commuting to campus, or taking on-line courses and require access to campus. Pre-approval is required for any access to campus in the spring of 2021. Please note that you must complete all of the requirements in order to have access to campus. Your safety, and the safety of our entire campus community is our number one priority; these requirements will assist us with achieving that goal.

Prior to arrival, all residential, commuter, and those students needing access to campus must:

- Fill out the pre-screening form **each day from now to your arrival**.
- Provide the results of a PCR molecular test (antigen and antibody tests will not be accepted) to the Wellness Center within 24 hours of receipt. The test must be taken within 7 days before arrival to campus.
- Engage in a self-quarantine for 7 days before arrival and attest to completion.
- *Note: Those students who were previously approved for intersession access who have continued to participate in the weekly pooled testing through the University at Albany and remain in compliance with all COVID-19 related measures will not be required to complete the pre-arrival requirements outlined in this section.*

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As a result of the SUNY Poly-University at Albany Partnership, SUNY Poly Albany campus students will also be required to follow the University at Albany pre-arrival requirements and testing protocol, to include PCR submission. Please find more information here: <https://www.albany.edu/covid-19/information-students>, with links to upload student documentation, the UAlbany student health screening, and to register your pooled test kit here: <https://www.albany.edu/covid-19>.

Upon Arrival - Jan. 29—Feb. 1:

- Before arriving to campus, fill out the Albany campus daily screening.
- Upon arrival, proceed through the temperature screening in NFE.
- Participate in pooled surveillance testing in NFE-1. This includes all students, (newly enrolled, returning, and those with continued intersession access). Times and details to follow—please see "What Students Should Know."

Out of State and International Students: If you have traveled to/from restricted states/regions or to/from international locations as defined by New York State you must follow the New York State Travel Advisory whether living on- or off-campus—and attest that you have submitted the New York Traveler Health form before engaging in a 10-day quarantine (or testing out with negative results) and will follow the guidance of the governing local health department related to mandatory testing, quarantine/isolation, and timing of returning to campus.

International students who have been traveling out of state or internationally should follow up with Tze Teck Sim, Deputy Director, International Admissions and Student Services at TSim@sunypoly.edu to discuss individual circumstances.

We are excited to get the spring semester underway and continue our combined efforts to keep our community safe. Details regarding these requirements and others are outlined in “[What Students Need to Know.](#)” We look forward to welcoming you back. Whether you are completing your coursework remotely, commuting from home or joining us in the residence halls, be sure to engage in the many programs and services available to you, and [please don't hesitate to reach out](#) if you have any questions.

See you soon!

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