

December 20, 2021

Dear Students,

Happy Holidays! In less than a month, 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 January 18, 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. 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 who have an approved COVID-19 vaccination exemption must:

- Provide the negative results of a COVID-19 test (PCR or TMA-NAA test; antigen and antibody tests will not be accepted) within 72 hours before arrival to campus to the Wellness Center within 24 hours of receipt.
- **If you are 100% online** and will not be physically present on campus during the Spring 2022 semester for any reason (which includes office hours, athletics, working on campus, or to utilize services such as the library, fitness center, gym, or dining), you are required to complete the Fully Remote Attestation.

Arrival:

Residential students will move in:

- Friday, January 14, 2022 (new transfer students only, by scheduled appointment)
- Sunday, January 16, 2022 (returning students)
- Resident Advisors and spring student athletes may have earlier arrival dates scheduled by their supervisor or coach. Early arrivals will also receive instructions for early arrival testing from their supervisor or coach.

Upon Arrival:

- Fill out the daily Utica campus student screening before arriving to campus.
- **Residential students will be notified by Residential Life if there are new or additional move in details or requirements. Residential students are expected to arrive to campus by Wednesday, January 19, 2022, to participate in campus testing.**
- Know when you need to participate in pooled surveillance testing in Kunsela Hall by the bookstore as the schedule at the following link indicates. This includes residential, commuter students, and those needing access to any campus facility. Times and details are outlined on the Student COVID-19 Pooled Testing Page.

Out of State and International Students: The New York State Department of Health refers travelers to the CDC for any requirements, restrictions, or recommendations on domestic and international travel. For domestic travelers, the individual should research the requirements of the state / locality they are traveling to and follow all applicable requirements. For international travelers, the CDC website provides

country-by-country breakdowns and expectations for travelers. The website also includes a listing of prohibited travel from certain countries.

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 Should 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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