

# Suffolk County Community College

## College Brief

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TO:            The College Community

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SUBJECT:    Important COVID-19 Updates

As reiterated in all of the College's email communications to staff (including the [return-to-work guidelines for employees](#)), and students (including the [Return to Campus Student Guidelines](#)) the College's policies and procedures for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic have been and will continue to be governed by the principle that the safety of our employees and students is paramount as we continue to meet the College's mission of education. The safety of everyone who works, learns, and receives services on campus remains our priority.

Please review this communication for a summary of the most recent COVID-19 updates:

### **1. New Notification Process Will Provide Enhanced Results Following Pooled Saliva Testing**

Starting Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, faculty, students and staff who participate in the College's mandatory weekly pooled saliva testing will begin receiving an email notification when their results are ready for viewing. The email will come from [no-reply@mail.clarifi-covid-19.com](mailto:no-reply@mail.clarifi-covid-19.com). Your test results will be posted on [app.clarifi-covid-19.com](http://app.clarifi-covid-19.com), the same site you use to register to take your weekly pooled saliva test. To view your results, you simply need to login to [app.clarifi-covid-19.com](http://app.clarifi-covid-19.com) (the same way you would to register for a test) and your results can be found under Your Profile. Please note that if you had previously set up MyChart to view results, it can no longer be used for this purpose. Individual test results will only be viewable and downloadable through the [app.clarifi-covid-19.com](http://app.clarifi-covid-19.com) site.

For your convenience, please review the glossary below, which summarizes the potential results you may now receive, and what each result means. You will receive one of the following:

- **Pending:** Your surveillance or diagnostic test for SARS-CoV-2 is not yet available. In most cases, results are available within a week from the date of collection. No self-isolation is required. Continue to check for results.

- **Presumed negative:** All specimens in the pooled surveillance sample were negative for SARS-CoV-2. No self-isolation is required.
- **Reflex negative:** Your individual diagnostic specimen tested negative for SARS-CoV-2. No self-isolation is required.
- **Reflex positive:** Your individual diagnostic specimen tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. Do not come to campus. Begin self-isolation as recommended by the CDC and await further guidance from the Department of Health and the College.

For further guidance to assist you with interpreting what your results mean, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/What-Your-Test-Results-Mean.pdf>

## **2. New York's Domestic Travel Quarantine to be Lifted April 1<sup>st</sup>**

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has determined that the domestic travel quarantine that had been in place will be ending on April 1, 2021. The international travel quarantine remains in effect. People must still complete the online traveler form and symptom monitor for 14 days: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-quarantine-domestic-travel-will-no-longer-be-required-starting-april>. As new information on this change becomes available, we will keep you informed.

The New York State Department of Health has issued updated guidelines to address fully-vaccinated individuals in line with recent CDC guidance (<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>). The College will produce an update of its daily health screening questionnaire in response to these changes.

## **3. A Reminder Regarding the College's Positive Exposure Response and Contract Tracing**

When the College receives notification that an individual has tested positive, we take immediate steps to mitigate exposure risk on the campus. In an abundance of caution, our response includes cleaning all spaces where the individual(s) may have visited. We also conduct prompt contact tracing and notify affected individuals as soon as possible. Contact tracing involves a discussion with the individual who tested positive, as well as other appropriate individuals to identify who may have been in close contact with the positive person during their infectious period. Even if you were made aware that an individual tested positive, you would not necessarily know when that person's infectious period was, as this depends on the test date and symptom onset date. We do not disclose individual health information to others, but we do promptly notify any employee and student if there is an indication that they may have been in close contact with the positive person during the time of concern.

It is important that all individuals, regardless of vaccinated status, continue to adhere to all health and safety measures we have put in place to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 exposure on our campuses, including self-monitoring for potential symptoms of COVID-

19, wearing a face covering/mask, maintaining physical distance from others, and good hygiene measures such as frequent hand-washing and the use of hand sanitizer.