

College Brief

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Return-to-Campus Guidelines for Students Now Available Online

The College's Return-to-Campus Guidelines for Students are now available for access and review online. Similar to the Return-to-Work-Guidelines that were issued for employees in July, the student guidelines connect our SUNY-approved Reopening Plan, with CDC and DOH directives. All students are being asked to review these Guidelines prior to coming on campus. As the pandemic continues to evolve, students are being cautioned regarding the fact that all of this content remains subject to change as new information, guidance and/or direction is received.

Please note that the Guidelines include an expectation that all students will complete a daily health screening questionnaire, adhere to physical distancing requirements, wear a face covering or mask, monitor their own health, and not come to campus if they are sick. They will also be asked to acknowledge that they agree to abide by the Guidelines established by the College everyday they anticipate coming onto campus. They will also be expected to display their College ID card at all times while they are on campus. Students who do not currently have a College ID card, can arrange to secure one through their campus Public Safety Office (extension 4242) or at their campus gymnasium/arena, where we will have ID stations set up through 9/11/20. Students not complying with our Guidelines and protocols will be referred to the Campus Associate Deans for Student Affairs and may face an interim suspension denying access to the College.

Our college community should also be aware that on Friday, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued guidance for COVID-19 infection rates on college campuses and presented his direction regarding actions schools must take when the infection rate rises above certain levels. The guidance comes in response to reports of localized COVID-19 outbreaks occurring soon after students arrived on their college campus and began attending large gatherings. The Governor has set a threshold that says if colleges have 100 cases or if the number of cases equal 5% of their population or more, they must go to remote learning for two weeks, at which time the local health department will reassess the situation.

I want to remind everyone that limiting the spread of COVID-19 is a shared responsibility for everyone on campus. To maintain our collective health, please follow the Guidelines that have been shared.