

Suffolk County Community College

College Brief

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TO: The College Community

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SUBJECT: Mandatory Pooled Saliva Testing, NYS COVID-19 Travel Advisory/Quarantine Reminders

All on-campus employees are required to complete one pooled saliva test prior to December 18, 2020. The calendar below reflects the remaining options for employees to complete their saliva test before the end of the fall semester. Please remember that all employees must coordinate their testing schedule with their immediate supervisor; testing is expected to take place on work time and only on the days you are scheduled to be on site.

Campus	Date	Time	Testing Location
Grant	12/16/2020	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Captree Commons Cafeteria
Ammerman	12/12/2020	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Babylon Student Center
Ammerman	12/14/2020	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Babylon Student Center
Ammerman	12/15/2020	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Babylon Student Center
Ammerman	12/16/2020	12:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Babylon Student Center
Ammerman	12/18/2020	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Babylon Student Center

A positive test for the pool would mean each individual saliva sample within the pool will be further tested to pinpoint exact positive case(s) from the pool. The same saliva sample submitted for the pool will then be immediately tested individually. If you are not contacted by the College within 7 days, your pool did not test positive. Participants who test “negative” will not be contacted. Individual employees who test positive, will be contacted by Human Resources or the College’s contact tracing team, within 7 days of testing, regarding follow-up and next steps. It is important that all employees make sure that their phone number(s) and email are accurate on the SUNY testing registration, as this is the information that the College and the Suffolk County Department of Health will use for contact tracing purposes.

Travel Advisory and Quarantine

As outlined previously in College Brief No. 32, issued on November 12, 2020, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) issued a COVID-19 Travel Advisory in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Based on current guidelines:

- Travelers from states that are contiguous with New York (i.e., New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Vermont) are exempt from the travel advisory; however, travelers must continue to fill out the [NYS online traveler health form](#).
- All travelers entering New York from a state that is not a contiguous state (i.e., all states *other than* NJ, CT, MA, PA, and VT) or from a country with a CDC Level 2 or Level 3 travel warning, must quarantine for a period of 14 days, consistent with NYSDOH regulations for quarantine, unless they meet the criteria to “test out” of the 14-day quarantine period below.

Criteria for “Test Out” of the 14-Day Quarantine for Travel

For any traveler to New York State from a noncontiguous state, US territory or CDC Level 2 or Level 3 country, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine are below:

- For travelers who were out-of-state for more than 24 hours:
 - Travelers must obtain a test within three days of departure, prior to arrival in New York.
 - The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days.
 - On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. If both tests comes back negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.
- For travelers who were out-of-state for less than 24 hours:
 - The traveler does not need a test prior to their departure from the other state, and does not need to quarantine upon arrival in New York State.
 - However, the traveler must fill out our traveler form upon entry into New York State, and take a COVID diagnostic test 4 days after their arrival in New York.

As a result, employees should be aware that voluntary travel to any of these countries and any of the states for which the NYS DOH has issued a travel advisory under Executive Order 205 could result in loss of pay during the required quarantine, if the employee does not have available paid leave accruals.

The most up-to-date information on the NYS COVID-19 travel advisory can be found on the [NYS DOH website](#). Most countries currently remain subject to a Level 2 or Level 3 travel warning from the CDC against non-essential travel, as outlined on the [CDC website](#). Employees planning to travel should review these travel advisories for the most up-to-date information. On-campus employees should continue to notify their supervisor in advance of any travel plans that will result in a quarantine requirement so that appropriate planning can take place.

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