

SUNY Suffolk
Amendment to COVID-19 Saliva Pool Testing Plan

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Substitution of PCR/Reflex Tests for Students Tested by their Employer/Clinical Site

We would like to permit our on-campus students who are being PCR/reflex tested on a weekly basis (or more frequently) by their employers or clinical sites to have the option of providing us with a copy of their test results in lieu of participating in our pooled testing for the applicable week they are scheduled to test with us. In order for this testing to substitute, it must meet the following criteria:

- The College is not responsible for any costs incurred by the student as a result of this testing option.
- The test must be completed within one week prior to the on-campus testing window.
- Results must be received within 24–48 hours prior to the on-campus testing window.
- The results will be reviewed for sufficiency by our Health Services Office or other appropriate designated staff with the skills and qualifications to interpret the results.

If the above criteria are not met, the student would be expected to participate with their on-campus cohort, unless they meet the additional proposed carve-out below. If the student has completed a test within the designated window, but does not yet have a copy of the results to provide within the designated window, the student can either participate with their on-campus cohort or would be expected to remain away from campus until they can provide a copy of the results.

Substitution of Individual PCR/Reflex Tests with Prior Approval

Additionally, we would like to provide our students who either: (1) cannot attend one of our appointment windows within the applicable week they are scheduled to test with us; or (2) have objections to the pooled surveillance testing method, with the option of providing us with a copy of individual PCR/reflex test results in lieu of participating in our pooled testing for the applicable week they are scheduled to test with us. This option would be subject to the prior approval of the Campus Executive Dean or his/her designee, and it must meet the following criteria:

- The College is not responsible for any costs incurred by the student as a result of this testing option.
- The test must be completed within one week prior to the on-campus testing window.
- Results must be received within 24–48 hours prior to the on-campus testing window.
- The results will be reviewed for sufficiency by our Health Services Office or other appropriate designated staff with the skills and qualifications to interpret the results.

If the above criteria are not met, the student would be expected to participate with their on-campus cohort. If the student does have prior approval for substitution of this method and has completed a test, but does not yet have a copy of the results to provide within the designated window, the student can either participate with their on-campus cohort or would be expected to remain away from campus until they can provide a copy of the results if they choose not to participate. The student who chooses not to participate with their on-campus cohort in this instance remains responsible for all work and learning activities s/he may miss as a result of this personal choice.

Enforcement of Procedures for Substitution of Outside Tests

Three individual appointments for COVID-19 Saliva Pool testing have been made for each student attending on-campus courses or activities throughout this semester (each student receiving an appointment to test in or about October, November, and December). All students have been notified of their testing appointments via email. Additional outreach is made to the students where possible and appropriate by email and/or by phone, and efforts are made to reschedule appointments for students

who advise that they cannot make their original assigned testing appointment. On each day of testing, students check in and a record of their attendance is made.

Students who have received prior approval for one of the substitution options above but who have not provided the requisite copy of their outside testing results by 24 hours prior to their scheduled on-campus testing appointment will be contacted by email and informed they must either: (1) attend their scheduled on-campus testing appointment or an alternate appointment within one week of this testing appointment; or (2) remain away from campus until they provide the copy of their results if they choose not to participate in the on-campus testing.

Students who have not received prior approval for substitution of outside testing results and who do not attend their first scheduled testing appointment will be contacted by email (and telephone where possible/appropriate) and directed that they are expected to attend an on-campus testing appointment at a specified date/time within one week of their first appointment or face restriction from access to campus. This communication will inform the students of the option to substitute an outside test per the above prior to this testing appointment, should they wish to utilize it. Students who do not respond by attending this second testing appointment or who do not provide acceptable external testing results within the requisite timeframe, without sufficient excuse for non-compliance, will be restricted from campus access and/or may face disciplinary action, consistent with SUNY's Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations Policy.

When a student is restricted from campus access for non-compliance with the COVID-19 testing requirements, this restriction will be implemented and enforced as follows:

- A list of students restricted from campus access will be provided to the Office of Public Safety and utilized at the Public Safety checkpoints at campus entrances, in the event a student tries to come to campus. The students will be denied entry to campus.
- The students' on-campus faculty will be informed that the student has been restricted from campus access until further notice to the contrary.
- The College's electronic student screening questionnaires report will be reviewed as an additional check to identify any students who completed the questionnaire as a pre-requisite to try to come to campus, and appropriate follow-up will take place in the event the student did complete the questionnaire on a day s/he was not permitted to come to campus. Coming to campus or seeking access to a campus without curing their non-compliance with testing mandates may result in investigation in discipline, consistent with SUNY's Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations Policy.

Students who have been restricted from campus access as a result of non-compliance can revive their access to campus as outlined in SUNY's Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations Policy. Any student who was subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct, in addition to the administrative restriction on campus access, will remain subject to any sanction imposed as a result of the Code of Conduct procedures.