



The sign outside Suffolk County Community College's Ammerman Campus along Nicolls Road. Photo by Heidi Sutton

# SCCC Announces Fall Reopening Plan

Suffolk County Community College's reopening plan for the fall 2020 semester has been approved by the State University of New York, Interim College President Louis Petrizzo said in a message to the college July 2. Petrizzo said classes for the fall semester will occur in four modes of instruction with a host of safety protections instituted collegewide.

"The health, safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff is our number one priority during this unprecedented health emergency," Petrizzo said. "The plan crafted by the college is intended to ensure that we are able to continue to deliver an affordable, quality education to our community in the safest possible environment."

Hand sanitizing, social distancing and face masks will all be part of the return to campus for students, faculty and staff. College employees physically working on campuses will be subject to daily health screenings.

SCCC will offer both in-person and online classes in four modes:

1. Online, with content delivered with no required same-time class meetings.
2. Remote, real-time live, with online "web conference style" courses to meet at scheduled times where students are required to be present online as noted in their schedules.
3. Hybrid/Blended, with classes held partially online, partially on-campus with scheduled in-person times and social distancing measures in place as guided by state and local officials.
4. In-person, with small classes for courses

that require hands-on experiences that must meet New York State Education Department or other accreditation requirements, with courses scheduled in appropriate rooms and spaces which meet social distancing requirements.

The college is offering 3,400 sections in the fall, 88 percent of which will be offered remotely with no need for enrolled students to visit any campus. 12 percent will require some face-to-face campus experience, such as science labs or hands-on instruction, which may be required by accrediting bodies or NYSED.

Student groups in these spaces will be limited in accordance with space limitations and health/safety guidelines.

Small group instruction may also be on a rotating basis and will allow for reduced population density and proper physical distancing.

"I am grateful for the time and effort put forth by the college's Restart Task Force, which was charged with developing our institutional plan of action and the many subgroups that assisted the task force members in crafting the plan," Petrizzo said. The subgroups worked in the areas of plant operations/health and safety/employees; student affairs/auxiliary services; academic affairs; noncredit/ESL/workforce/high school programs; communications; health services; and libraries.

Summer session classes are operating fully remotely.

Suffolk's final 2020 summer session began July 6, while fall classes begin Sept. 2.

