

## What Students Should Know: COVID-19 and Returning to Campus

As we return to campus in spring 2021, SUNY Broome's first priority is the health and safety of our campus community, including its students, faculty, and staff. The best way to maintain the safest environment possible throughout 2021 and beyond is for each of us to take steps to minimize the risks, not only for ourselves, but for all members of the SUNY community. This includes:

- wearing face coverings (masks)
- hand washing
- social distancing
- participating in testing and tracing
- completing daily screenings
- being mindful of our surroundings and the impact we have

Any of us alone can spread this disease and cause harm to others. But **all of us together can build a community that is safe and healthy**, where educational success is possible.

Here's what you need to know and do as SUNY and SUNY Broome welcome students back to campus in 2021:

### Stay Informed

Important information will be communicated to students via "The Buzz", direct email, and SUNY Broome's COVID-19 webpage.

### Return to Campus Safely – Testing and Isolation Requirements

- All students, faculty, and staff will receive daily reminders for two weeks prior to return to pre-screen daily using the CampusClear app for travel history, COVID-19 history and COVID-19 symptoms.
- Upon returning for Spring 2021 on-campus activities, any student living on campus, taking at least one class on campus, utilizing services on campus (e.g. library, gym, dining), or working on campus, must:
  - Submit an attestation that he/she/they have completed a seven (7) day precautionary quarantine prior to returning to campus and either
    - Present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three (3) days prior to return or participate in on-campus COVID-19 testing as soon as possible but no later than five (5) days of returning to campus, or
    - Present documentation of a positive diagnostic result for COVID-19 from the prior 3-month period.
  - Inform the campus of any known contacts with COVID-19 positive individuals, or of any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or of a positive test result for COVID-19 through the CampusClear app or other remote communication (email, phone, etc.)

## Get Screened Daily

- Students, staff, and faculty are required to perform a daily health screening prior to coming to campus.
- Screening should be done through the CampusClear app or webpage.

## Get Tested Regularly

- All on-campus students must participate in SUNY Broome's Surveillance Testing Program throughout the Spring semester
- 100% of residential students will be tested every two weeks and 5% of other on-campus population (commuter students and employees) will be tested weekly.
- Notifications of testing information will be relayed via "The Buzz", direct email, MyCollege, among other means.

## Check the COVID-19 Dashboard

- SUNY maintains a comprehensive dashboard of COVID-19 testing and infection rate status across the system and at each campus. <https://www.suny.edu/covid19-tracker/>.
- For local COVID-19 numbers, please visit Broome County's [COVID-19 dashboard](#).

## Be Responsible – It's Easy to Do Your Part

Each of us can take small steps to protect ourselves and the campus community. Because COVID-19 is highly contagious, these simple measures apply **both on and off-campus**:

- **Wear face coverings** (masks) at all times on campus, including in classrooms, conference rooms and other public spaces, even when you are able to maintain six feet of social distancing.
  - Exceptions to this requirement include when students are (1) in their private residential or personal space, (2) eating meals on-campus while seated and socially distanced, or (3) by themselves in a lightly trafficked location where no other persons are present. Faculty and staff are likewise exempt when alone in their office or other private spaces. Any request for a medical, religious, or other accommodation to this policy will be reviewed on an individual basis in accordance with relevant laws and SUNY Broome campus procedures
- **Regularly wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer where soap and water are not available.
- **Stay home when you are sick** or have potentially been exposed to COVID-19.
- **Practice social distancing** at all times to reduce transmission.

## If Exposed, Complete Mandatory Quarantine and Isolation

- Students who test positive for COVID-19, have been exposed to individuals who tested positive for COVID-19, or are informed by a state or local health department, or medical or campus official that they are "at risk" for having COVID-19 may be required to quarantine or isolate. This may include taking classes remotely, and not going to dining halls and other campus facilities.

- The campus has specific information about restrictions that may be found at <http://www3.sunybroome.edu/back/>.
- Students identified for quarantine and isolation (whether residential or non-residential) will have access to certain assistance, such as the delivery of food and medicine. They may also receive psychosocial, academic and/or other supports, as needed.

### **Follow the Rules or Face Disciplinary Action**

When the campus learns of a violation of the rules associated with COVID-19 safety, students may lose access to campus facilities and/or campus housing. Other disciplinary actions may be taken by the Student Conduct and/or Human Resources Offices.

- Student conduct is governed by the campus Code of Conduct <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/dos/student-conduct>.
- Minimum sanctions are outlined in the [Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations](#).
- Consistent with SUNY policy, students who are partially or completely removed from the institution due to a violation are not eligible for refunds.

### **Take Care of Yourself – Physically and Mentally**

We understand that this is an exceptionally challenging time. SUNY has resources to help you get the support you need.

- SUNY Broome’s Counseling Services: <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/counseling/>
- ReachOut SUNY: <https://online.suny.edu/covid19/students/local-state-and-national-resources/>.
- Thriving Campus: <https://www.thrivingcampus.com/>.
- Middle Earth from the University at Albany: <https://www.albany.edu/middleearthcafe/hotlinepeerassistance.shtml>
- New York State Office of Mental Health Crisis Text Line: Text **GOT5 to 741741**.

### **Understand What’s Being Offered On-Campus and Online**

SUNY Broome will offer 365 live classes and 913 distance classes. Barring unforeseen circumstances, SUNY Broome plans to offer 29% of courses in a face to face format.

### **Get Instructional and Technology Help**

For information on accessing technological and instructional assistance, please visit SUNY Broome’s Online and On-Campus Support webpage:

<http://www3.sunybroome.edu/back/remote-online-services/>

### **Request Accommodations for Disabilities**

Students who wish to disclose covered disabilities and receive reasonable accommodations for their disabilities should visit the Accessibility Resources Office website at

<http://www2.sunybroome.edu/lad/aro/> or contact them at (607) 778-5150.

## **Follow Housing and Dining Updates**

Please visit the below links for more information and important updates:

- Dining - <http://www1.sunybroome.edu/life-at-suny-broome/dining/>
- Housing - <http://www2.sunybroome.edu/housing/>
- Bookstore - <https://www.bkstr.com/sunybroomeccstore/home>

## **If We Have to PAUSE, Follow These Rules**

If the campus must switch to a two-week (or longer) pause, the following rules apply.

- All campus dining will be takeout or delivery only
- All classes will be delivered remotely with the following exceptions: In person activities required to maintain a professional license such as clinical settings and/or labs
- In person athletics, extracurricular programs, and non-essential student activities will be suspended.
- Student Village resident hall will remain open. Resident students will be restricted to essential travel only. Residents that do participate in non-essential travel will be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test before returning to Student Village. Residents with questions regarding essential and non-essential travel must contact the Director of Housing or Chief of Public Safety. Questions regarding travel will be approved or disapproved by the Broome County Health Department and that information will be communicated back to the resident student.

## **If We Have to Pivot to Remote Instruction, Follow This Plan**

- SUNY Broome is prepared to go fully remote if necessary. Please visit- <http://www3.sunybroome.edu/back/remote-online-services/> for resources and support to ensure success during all remote instruction
- If campus goes fully remote and resident students are required to leave Student Village, refunds will be based on the housing license agreement. Anyone with questions should contact the Director of Housing.

**Changes and Updates:** The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic creates a fluid situation that may require unexpected changes in our response. Updates to scientific knowledge, public health guidance, or laws and regulations may mean SUNY and SUNY Broome have to make changes to our standards and rules, including those indicated above. SUNY and SUNY Broome will try to minimize these changes and their impact. We will keep you informed of new developments.

Thank you in advance for everything you are doing and will do to make 2021 safe for you, your fellow students, and the campus community and beyond.