



WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW: COVID-19 AND RETURNING TO CAMPUS

As we return to campus for the Fall 2021 semester, SUNY Morrisville's first priority is the health and safety of our campus community, including its students, faculty and staff. We are taking as many sensible steps as we can to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, visitors and our surrounding communities, while also providing the critical applied learning and teaching that is SUNY Morrisville's mission.

Vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to protect individuals from COVID-19 disease and end the COVID-19 pandemic. Current COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States are safe and [effective](#), widely accessible in the U.S., and available at no cost to all people living in the U.S. SUNY Morrisville expects to have a mixed campus population of both people who are fully vaccinated and people who are not fully vaccinated this fall.

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 Administration and SUNY Morrisville welcome students back to campus in Fall 2021:

FACE COVERINGS

As we are poised to begin the next academic year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released new guidance in light of the rising COVID-19 rates due to the highly contagious Delta variant. We want to proactively take every measure we can to ensure a safe return to campus and protect our surrounding communities.

Effective immediately and until further notice, face coverings will be required to be worn in all indoor spaces for the entire Morrisville campus, regardless of vaccination status. This requirement is also in place for the Norwich and Syracuse EOC campuses. Outdoor spaces and activities will not require a face covering.

Face coverings should be worn correctly to fully cover the nose and mouth.

This important step continues to allow us to offer the full SUNY Morrisville experience, including activities, classroom and lab experiences, in a safe and effective manner.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students: Students who are not vaccinated or fully vaccinated are responsible for continuing to maintain six feet of physical 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 physically distanced, or
3. by themselves in a lightly trafficked location where no other persons are present.

VACCINATION FOR STUDENTS

Per New York State guidance, the State University of New York (SUNY) will require that **all in-person students** are **fully vaccinated against COVID-19** once the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) fully approves the vaccines. Currently, the vaccines are approved for emergency use authorization only. While we do not currently have information on the status of FDA approval for the COVID-19 vaccines, it seems likely that this approval will not happen prior to the beginning of the semester. However, once FDA approval is granted, all in-person students, including residential and commuter students, will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. This requirement will become effective immediately, even if we are mid-semester. We are still consulting with SUNY regarding exemptions, but we anticipate that medical and religious exemptions will be very limited.

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated: (1) two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two dose COVID-19 vaccine series or (2) two weeks after receiving a single dose COVID-19 vaccine.

Note: SUNY Morrisville and nearby Dougherty Pharmacy have partnered to provide students with an on-campus vaccination clinic, upon full FDA approval of the COVID-19 vaccines. Dougherty Pharmacy, located in the Village of Morrisville (14 E. Main St., Morrisville, NY 13408), currently has appointments available for the two-dose Pfizer vaccine. Any students currently interested in making an appointment to receive the vaccine upon returning to campus can contact the pharmacy directly at 315.684.3171.

COVID-19 TESTING

Mandatory weekly testing will continue to be required for any student who has a physical presence on campus and who has **not been fully vaccinated** or who has not provided proof of vaccination. Mandatory weekly testing will be held in Helyar Hall on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Morrisville Campus. Norwich Campus students will have an opportunity to test on Mondays or Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and can access tests in the Faculty Office Common Area on the Norwich Campus.

Fully vaccinated students may opt-out from mandatory weekly testing upon the submission of documentation showing completion of a full COVID-19 vaccination series. Certain circumstances (i.e., known exposure to a COVID-19-positive individual and/or high rates of COVID-19 infections on campus) may result in the expectation of participation in COVID-19 testing for fully vaccinated students.

Any incidents of non-compliance with campus testing will continue to be handled through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

RETURN TO CAMPUS

- *Vaccinated individuals:* Fully vaccinated students should submit proof of vaccination to the Student Health Center via email to stellida@morrisville.edu or fax to 315.684.6493.
- *Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals:* Students who are not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated are required to provide proof of a negative result from a COVID-19 test taken 3-5 days prior to arrival to campus or proof of a positive COVID-19 test taken within the last three (3) months. Acceptable tests for COVID-19 include rapid or non-rapid molecular (PCR) or antigen tests. Antibody tests are not acceptable. Results should be uploaded to [Blackboard](#) prior to arrival.
 - Residential students should bring a copy of the test results to move-in if unable to load to Blackboard. Residential students will receive a rapid antigen test upon arrival to campus. For residential students utilizing antigen testing for the pre-arrival test, please note that antigen tests must be completed on nonconsecutive days, meaning at least two (2) days apart, so please plan accordingly. Students who pass the health screening and have submitted all required documents will be allowed to proceed through the check-in process. Students with symptoms or those that failed to submit required documents will be directed to our campus quarantine location.

- Commuter students should upload a copy of the test results prior to the first class on campus.
- Norwich Campus students also should upload a copy of the test results prior to the first class on campus.

MONITOR YOUR HEALTH

Students who have any symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate and seek medical care even if symptoms are mild. This applies to vaccinated and unvaccinated students. Students are encouraged to seek medical care at the Student Health Center, a local urgent care, or with their primary care provider the **first day they are ill** whenever possible. The Student Health Center can perform diagnostic COVID-19 testing free of charge on symptomatic students. Any student who tests positive, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, will be required to isolate for 10 days. Specific details on isolation can be found below.

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

Symptomatic students are expected to self-isolate until their test results are known, at which time they will be instructed on next steps. Students are expected to follow all instructions and guidelines issued by campus health officials and the Madison County Health Department until they are cleared to resume usual activities. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for ten (10) days.

Students living on campus who test positive are required to isolate either at home or in the designated quarantine and isolation building (South Hall) on campus. Students who test positive may not remain in the Commons buildings. Off-campus students testing positive will isolate either at home or in their off-campus residence for the 10-day period.

Vaccinated students exposed to individuals who test positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic. These students should self-monitor for symptoms over the next 14 days, with appropriate follow up should symptoms develop.

Unvaccinated individuals with recent COVID-19 exposure must complete mandatory quarantine for 10 days. Students living on campus are required to complete the mandatory quarantine either at home or in the designated quarantine and isolation building (South Hall) on campus. Students may complete mandatory quarantine in their assigned room in the Commons buildings. Off-campus students may complete mandatory quarantine either at home or in their off-campus residence for the 10-day period. These students should self-monitor for symptoms over the next 14 days. If symptoms develop, self-isolation should occur with prompt follow-up

with the local public health authority or a healthcare provider. Individuals who find themselves in this circumstance should wear a mask and remain physically distanced until medical evaluation and follow-up instruction has been provided.

For students who are placed in isolation or quarantine for COVID-19-related precautions, faculty should attempt to accommodate students with a remote option where possible. This option should be consistent and reach the same learning outcomes as the face-to-face experience. This may include hosting smaller group experiences to allow for social distancing.

Students who are removed from campus for noncompliance of COVID-19-related precautions shall not have a remote option available to complete any assignment, or for classroom activities.

Based on SUNY Morrisville serving as a hands-on applied learning institution, upon full FDA approval of any COVID-19 vaccine, remote options will not be automatically available for face-to-face classes, including the face-to-face portion of hybrid classes. Students who have registered in a hyflex or online class (synchronous or asynchronous) and have not received the vaccine may continue those classes remotely.

STUDENT ATTESTATION

Residential students will **sign an attestation** during the move-in process.

Commuter students will **complete an attestation** through a Blackboard course, [Mustang Course](#).

CHECK THE COVID-19 DASHBOARD

The State University of New York (SUNY) maintains [a comprehensive dashboard](#) of COVID-19 testing and infection rate status across the system and at each campus.

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 at a designated building other than their room. 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 our [COVID-19 response and updates webpage](#). 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 support, as needed.

FOLLOW THE RULES OR FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Student conduct is governed by the Student Code of Conduct. When the campus learns of a violation of the rules associated with COVID-19 safety, students will face disciplinary action. Consistent with SUNY policy, students who are partially or completely removed from the institution due to a violation are not eligible for refunds.

Continuing through the 2021-22 academic year, any student found in violation of the SUNY COVID-19 policies will be disciplined through the campus judicial system, where they will face tougher disciplinary sanctions. Every individual student will have their disciplinary history checked and be sanctioned according to their current discipline status. **The sanctioning details that follow are the minimum sanctions for a student with no other disciplinary history.**

Violations of Face Mask and Social Distancing Requirements: For students found to have committed repeated and/or intentional violations of face mask/covering or social distancing requirements of the campus, Executive Order, or the State or local Department of Health.

1st violation	Written Warning
2nd violation	Campus Probation 4 months and an Educational ResLife.Net Module
3rd violation	College Probation 4 months and an Education ResLife.Net Module COVID-19
4th violation	Stayed Res Hall Expulsion 6 months
5th violation	Campus Suspension from academic and/or housing access with continued access to their academic program via remote learning only (if available and as subject to campus policy and process), an academic and/or housing suspension, or permanent dismissal from the institution.

Intentional Violations of COVID-Positive Students: For students who know that they have tested positive for COVID-19 or know they have had close contact to someone who has tested positive or been treated or is symptomatic for COVID-19, and then intentionally expose other students.

Campus suspension from academic and/or housing access with continued access to their academic program via remote learning only (if available and as subject to campus policy and process), an academic and/or housing suspension, or permanent dismissal from the institution.

Failure to Self-Isolate: For students who fail to self-isolate (because they are COVID-19 positive) as directed by their SUNY campus or the State or local Department of Health.

Campus suspension from academic and/or housing access with continued access to their academic program via remote learning only (if available and as subject to campus policy and process), an academic and/or housing suspension, or permanent dismissal from the institution.

Failure to Quarantine: For students who have been directed by the institution or the State or local Department of Health to complete a quarantine (potentially positive because of a close contact with someone who is positive) period, on or off campus, and then engage in any conduct that would violate such quarantine order.

Campus suspension from academic and/or housing access with continued access to their academic program via remote learning only (if available and as subject to campus policy and process), an academic and/or housing suspension, or permanent dismissal from the institution.

Prohibited On-Campus or Off-Campus Gathering (Hosts): For students who host an on-campus or off-campus gathering of any size, whether indoor or outdoor, that violates campus policy and/or exceeds the current limitation published by the SUNY campus, Executive Order, or the State or local Department of Health.

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Prohibited On-Campus or Off-Campus Gathering (Attendees): For students who attend a gathering of any size (but not as host), whether indoor or outdoor, that violates campus policy and/or exceeds the current limitation published by the SUNY campus, Executive Order, or the State or local Department of Health.

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Contact Tracing: For students who repeatedly fail to comply, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

Campus suspension from academic and/or housing access with continued access to their academic program via remote learning only (if available and as subject to campus policy and process), an academic and/or housing suspension, or permanent dismissal from the institution.

Failure to Comply with Campus Health Protocols: For students who have missed at least two scheduled appointments, without sufficient excuse, to obtain diagnostic or surveillance COVID-19 testing under the campus's published protocol, or for students who fail to submit their daily health screening via the campus's portal for at least three consecutive days.

The college shall undertake disciplinary action to enforce compliance, including interim suspension, or administrative measures to electronically deactivate card access and restrict access to any buildings with the exception of access required to obtain health care services pursuant to campus policy.

Failure to Comply with Campus Pooled Saliva Testing: For students who miss or do not participate in pooled saliva testing as instructed by the college or fail to submit the results of testing done elsewhere.

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If you have questions about student conduct, please contact the [Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#).

VISITATION POLICY

In an effort to limit campus density and promote health and safety, our campus visitor policy has been frequently and thoroughly reviewed and updated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, while following the direction of the New York State Department of Health and the NYS Governor’s Office.

Visitation is currently open to all guests for our academic, recreational and dining facilities. Face coverings are currently required when entering any indoor space on campus.

Until further notice, visitation at our Residence Halls is only allowed for current residential students.

This policy is subject to change at any moment if conditions require the college to do so. You will be notified via your Morrisville email and the college website of any changes.

REFUND POLICY

For information on the college’s refund policy, please visit our [Tuition Refunds webpage](#).