



GENESEO

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Spring 2021 Reopening Plan

(Approved by SUNY January 15, 2021)

Introductory text is from SUNY, text in italics is the SUNY Geneseo response.

1. COVID-19 Testing and Monitoring

A. Departing Campus in Fall

Please refer to the Chancellor's October 26, 2020 [SUNY Mandatory Testing for Fall 2020 Semester Closing Guidance](#).

Fall departure plan was approved by SUNY on 11/9/20 and was executed starting the week of November 16.

B. Students Remaining on Campus

The Campus will implement a process to allow students to request permission to remain on campus after the fall semester ends and/or during the winter term. The Campus must also develop a plan for those students who are pre-approved to so remain. This plan must include regular COVID-19 testing and any necessary isolation and quarantine protocols, including confirmation that students have access to meals and/or meal preparation facilities. Campuses must also ensure services are available with a special focus on monitoring the student's mental and physical well-being while residing on campus. Furthermore, these students must sign an acknowledgement of the rules that will govern their stay, whether it is an addendum to the housing license or another stand-alone document.

Students with extenuating circumstances were permitted to request permission to remain on campus after Thanksgiving for the remainder of the fall semester and also for the winter intersession. Students granted permission to remain on campus, and those off campus students with a documented need to be on campus (such as dining plan or employment) will be required to participate in weekly pooled testing. Existing fall plans for quarantine and isolation will continue during this timeframe including available housing in Jones Hall and meal service through Campus Auxiliary Services. Students will have access to Lauderdale Health and Counseling for medical and counseling appointments. Residential students will sign an addendum to the housing license attesting to compliance with COVID-19 related policies and expectations.

C. Returning to Campus for Winter and Spring Terms Testing and Isolation Requirements

Students returning to campus or attending courses on campus for the winter and

Spring 2021 semester must be tested for COVID-19. Campuses shall develop plans to phase in the safe return of students to accommodate the testing and other health and safety requirements. It is strongly recommended that faculty and staff working on campus are pre-tested before returning to campus.

Specific requirements are as follows:

- i.** All students, faculty, and staff must be pre-screened daily for travel history, COVID-19 history and COVID-19 symptoms for two (2) weeks prior to return.

Students will complete an electronic health attestation and a daily screening form for two weeks prior to return. Compliance will be verified as part of the spring semester check-in process.

The campus will use the daily screening tool required for employees with an onsite presence. Formal correspondence with a link to the tool and instructions for completion will be sent to faculty and staff required to complete the daily screening two weeks prior to return to campus. Supervisors will be required to monitor the daily report to ensure their direct reports are completing the screening in accordance with expectations.

- ii.** Upon returning for winter and/or Spring 2021 on-campus activities, any student who will (1) live on campus, or (2) take at least one class on campus, or (3) utilize services on campus (e.g. library, gym, dining), or (4) work on campus, must:

- a)** Submit an attestation that he/she/they have completed a seven (7) day precautionary quarantine prior to returning to campus; and either:

- i.** 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 campus², or

- ii.** Present documentation of a positive diagnostic result for COVID-19 from the prior 3-month period.

- b)** 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 (this notification to campus should not replace reporting to a health care provider or local health department).

As the College did with its fall entry plan, SUNY Geneseo has elected to pursue a testing regimen that is especially cautious, exceeding SUNY's requirements. Specifically, students with an on campus presence (as defined above) will submit an attestation of compliance with the seven day precautionary quarantine and evidence of a negative COVID-19 test

obtained within seven days prior to their return. On the student's move-in day, all students with an on-campus presence will take an additional COVID-19 test via the pooled surveillance testing process. The student attestation form will ask students to report any known contacts with a COVID-19 positive individual, any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection, or a positive COVID-19 test result. Alternatively, students may present documentation (either from on-campus or off campus testing) of a positive COVID-19 test result from the prior three-month period. Positive results prior to November 3, 2020 will not be accepted.

- iii. Campuses must resume surveillance testing as soon as students return to campus, pursuant to the individual campus testing plans incorporated into the campus reopening plans and SUNY's Mandatory COVID-19 Testing Program as announced on September 4, 2020. All students, faculty and staff who live on campus and/or plan to be on campus regularly (including instruction, co curricular activities, and meetings) shall be tested regularly.

Weekly pooled surveillance testing of students and employees will continue throughout the spring semester. Utilizing the Upstate Medical University pool surveillance process, a 100% of students and employees with an on-campus presence will be tested weekly.

- iv. In cases of possible exposure to COVID-19 on campus, Campuses shall follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance Testing, Screening, and Outbreak Response for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), specifically the section "Tiered approach and inclusion criteria for SARS CoV-2 testing of persons with possible exposure in IHE setting in the context of an outbreak".

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed for students, faculty and staff.

- v. Students, faculty, and staff who have traveled to/from restricted states/regions or to/from international locations as defined by New York State must follow the [New York State Travel Advisory](#) - whether living on- or off-campus—and attest that they have submitted the [New York Traveler Health form](#) and will follow the guidance of the governing local health department related to mandatory testing, quarantine/isolation, and timing of returning to campus.

Students will be asked about their travel to/from restricted states/regions or international locations on their mandatory attestation form and will be required to comply with the State's guidelines for testing and quarantine/isolation. Students will be given the option to time their return to campus to carry out their four-day quarantine on-campus and obtain their second COVID-19 test (per current NY guidelines) in the pooled testing process. Under current NY guidelines, a student who does not complete the first test before departing for NY, will be

required to complete a 14-day quarantine.

Employees with an on-site work presence are required to complete the daily screening process. The daily screening tool includes a question about out of state travel. The screening will include a link to the attestation form related to NYS guidance on travel requirements.

- vi.** Any student, faculty, or staff testing positive for COVID-19 must isolate and follow the New York State Department of Health Order on isolation and the guidance of the governing local health department on the length of said isolation and timing of return to campus.

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- vii.** Campuses must confirm there is appropriate quarantine and isolation space for on-campus residential students in accordance with the individual campus reopening plans. Campuses are encouraged to work with the governing local health department to assist with quarantine and isolation space for off-campus students if necessary.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed for quarantine and isolation. Operations endorsed by Livingston County Department of Health (LCDOH), and collaboration between Residence Life, Health & Counseling, Campus Auxiliary Services, and Facilities Services will continue to ensure safety, security, and support for residents. Jones Residence Hall (100 beds) will continue to be used to quarantine or isolate. If needed, Niagara Residence Hall may also be used to house residents who need to quarantine or isolate.

2. Mode of Instruction

A. Winter 2020-21 term

Instruction for the winter term must be fully remote, with the exception of courses such as those with clinical practicums, research, and applied learning experiences that require physical presence—this applies to both undergraduate and graduate study. On-campus density must be minimized to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidelines. For all on-campus students, faculty, and staff, the campus shall maintain surveillance testing at the percentage level stated in the campus reopening plan. Campuses should notify SUNY System Administration of any courses which fall into the above categories of requiring in-person instruction to provost@suny.edu. For courses that do not fall within the above categories, campuses may request specific exceptions to SUNY System Administration to hold any other in-person instruction.

For the winter term, all of our intersession classes are online. We have requested one exception for IARL 288, a course on historic preservation that involves some in-person engagement with community partners.

One hundred percent of employees with an onsite campus presence will be tested over the three week period remaining in fall term following Thanksgiving. Surveillance testing of employees will continue through the winter term in accordance with the protocols identified in the plan for fall 2020 semester.

Weekly surveillance testing of all students approved to remain on campus, and off campus students with a need to access campus facilities, will begin December 1 and continue through January.

B. Spring 2021 term

Spring term Instruction must be remote prior to February 1 in order to minimize additional risks associated with influenza season.

- i. If necessary, campuses may allow students to return to campus prior to February 1 in order to meet the mandatory testing requirement outlined above. Spring term start dates prior to February 1 must occur in a fully remote format except for those clinical practicums, research, and applied learning experiences that require physical presence as outlined above. Such acceptable in-person instruction includes licensed professional practicums, teaching practicums, laboratory research, and other types of hands-on applied/experiential learning that takes place in specialized facilities and/or requires specialized equipment.

SUNY Geneseo will begin in-person instruction on campus on February 8.

- ii. Campuses should notify SUNY System Administration of any courses which fall into the above categories. For courses that do not fall within the above categories, campuses may request specific exceptions to SUNY System Administration to begin in-person instruction prior to February 1. Both notification and/or requests for exceptions must be submitted no later than December 1, 2020 to provost@suny.edu.

Not applicable.

- iii. Modes of instruction must ensure safe on-campus density, consistent with New York State and the governing local health department guidelines. Campuses must be prepared to execute fully remote plans if the campus meets the threshold for a mandatory pause on in-person instruction as outlined in the Supplemental Higher Education guidance from the New York State Department of Health.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed.

- iv. Campus expectations for students during such a mandatory pause must be clearly communicated to students prior to the beginning of the semester.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed. Academic Affairs will coordinate with Communications and Marketing on communication plans prior to the start of the spring semester.

C. Remote Instruction

Working together with campus governance processes and in collaboration with its faculty and support staff, campuses must work to ensure that remote instruction meets or exceeds expectations of regular and substantive interaction. Campuses will continue to assist students with access to devices and internet connectivity in order for students to be successful with remote instruction.

- i. Transparency: Before the beginning of each semester, campuses must publish [on their website] the percentage of courses which will be offered in-person and remote.

This information will at minimum appear on our academic affairs web page, but also may be linked on the COVID Resources web page.

- ii. Regular Interaction: The institution must provide for the opportunity for substantive interactions with the student on a predictable and regular basis commensurate with both the length of time, and the amount of content, in the course or competency, must monitor the student's academic engagement and success, and must make clear that the instructor(s) are responsible for promptly and proactively engaging in substantive interaction with the student when needed on the basis of such monitoring, or upon request by the student.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed; we are assessing Fall 2020 operations and refining communication of expectations to faculty.

- iii. International Students: The institution will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the needs of international students completing coursework from other time zones, e.g. – opportunities for asynchronous instruction, interactions scheduled in a way that takes into account the time zones of the students enrolled in the section, and other such flexibilities.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed; we have identified additional advisement support for international students through the Department

of Academic Planning and Advising.

iv. Substantive Interaction: The institution must engage students in teaching, learning, and assessment, consistent with the content under discussion, while also including at least two of the following:

a) Provision of direct instruction;

b) Assessment and / or the provision of feedback on a student's coursework;

c) Provision of information and / or responding to questions about the content of a course or competency;

d) Facilitation of group discussion regarding the content of a course or competency;
or

e) Other instructional activities approved by the institution's/program's accrediting agency.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed; we are assessing Fall 2020 operations and refining communication of expectations to faculty.

v. Campuses must work with faculty in order to equip them with the knowledge and skill to support remote learning of students with disabilities. Campuses should remind faculty members that the standard process for requesting academic accommodation would continue to apply, no matter the mode of instruction.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed. This has consistently been part of our messaging to faculty and professional development programming.

vi. Campuses must work to ensure all faculty and students have access to orientation/training opportunities to familiarize them with instructional technologies and remote pedagogies, especially those faculty for whom such technologies/pedagogies are new and for those students in vulnerable populations.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed. The Teaching and Learning Center and Center for Digital Learning have provided ongoing professional development for faculty; Knights' Online Academic Learning Assistance (KOALA) counselor in the Department of Academic Planning and Advising provides dedicated support for remote learners, in addition to existing advisement resources.

vii. Campuses must provide proactive and regularized advising interventions for all academic programs in such manner that prioritizes student success.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed, such as using EAB early alert system to support this effort.

viii. Campus communities should utilize instructional support provided by SUNY.

Links to SUNYPD instructional support are part of resources shared with faculty by Geneseo's Teaching and Learning Center.

ix. Additional support and guidance on academic continuity can be found in our FAQ document.

3. Academic Calendar

A. Spring Term Start Dates

In-person instruction for spring term shall not occur on campuses prior to February 1. Pursuant to Section 2 above, campuses must notify SUNY System Administration of any courses which require in-person instruction prior to February 1st (e.g. clinical practicums, research, and applied learning experiences). For courses that do not fall within the above categories, campuses may request specific exceptions to SUNY System Administration to begin in-person instruction prior to February 1. Both notification and/or requests for exceptions must be submitted no later than December 1, 2020 to provost@suny.edu.

SUNY Geneseo's first day of remote instruction will be February 1, 2021 and the first day of in-person instruction will be February 8, 2021.

B. Spring Break

Given the current risks associated with COVID-19 spread, spring break and any other spring holiday periods will not be permitted. Campuses may build in single-day midweek 'reading days' throughout the semester as an alternative pause of instruction while discouraging/prohibiting travel away from campus. Any on-campus services in support of religious observance shall follow the density, quarantine/isolation, and face covering requirements that are already incorporated into the campus reopening plan. This does not apply to campuses that will offer fully remote learning in Spring 2021. Exceptions to this Spring Break policy will be considered and must be pre-approved by SUNY System Administration by December 1, 2020. Such exceptions must include a process to test students for COVID-19 upon departure from campus as well as testing for COVID-19 upon their return.

Spring break was eliminated and three, single day midweek "rejuvenation days" were added to the spring semester calendar.

C. Commencement

Commencement exercises ordinarily occurring at or near the close of Spring 2021 semester will be considered in accordance with guidance from New York State. Campuses should begin to plan and message virtual commencements and/or safely distanced methods of recognition and degree dissemination for their graduates.

We are planning a fully online commencement.

4. On-campus Activities

A. Federal, State and Local Guidance

All in-person activities will continue to follow the mandatory NYSDOH guidance for social distancing as well as the strictures of the approved campus reopening plan.

- i. To the extent possible, activities shall be held outdoors or in a well-ventilated location, and campuses implement CDC recommendations to improve ventilation (Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education).
- ii. Campuses should continuously assess and confirm that all cleaning protocols are in compliance with NYSDOH Higher Education Guidance and CDC guidance (Interim Guidance for Higher Education during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes).

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed along with the addition of UV Lights to further help air quality in key locations.

Meeting room protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will continue to be followed for faculty and staff. Signage and messaging will continue to support campus community best practices. For Spring 2021, all events and gatherings will be limited to SUNY Geneseo community members and vendors who directly supply or support events.

B. Face Coverings (Masks)

Face coverings (masks) must be worn by all members of the campus community on campus at all times, including in classrooms, conference rooms and other spaces, even when six-foot social distancing exists. Exceptions to mask wearing include when students are (1) in their private residential or personal space, (2) eating meals on-campus while seated and social distancing is appropriately enforced, or (3) by themselves. Faculty and staff are

likewise exempt when alone in their office or other space. Any request for a medical, religious, or other accommodation to this policy should be reviewed on an individual basis in accordance with relevant laws and campus procedures.

The College's Mask Policy and campus signage will be updated to reflect these requirements and the protocols will be communicated to students and employees accordingly.

C. Compliance

The Chancellor's Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations implementing uniform sanctions System-wide for COVID-19 related violations, remains in effect for the Winter and Spring 2021 terms and must be referenced and incorporated into the campus reopening plan.

Employees are expected to adhere to all COVID-19 related protocols including, but not limited to, face mask policy, completing the daily screening process, social distancing, and surveillance testing. Violations to these policies will be handled in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining unit agreements.

Students will continue to be expected to adhere to all COVID-19 protocols and the Chancellor's Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations will be enforced. Please visit our Student Handbook webpage to see SUNY's comprehensive emergency directive, as well as on- and off-campus policies, to address violations of COVID-19 safety protocols at Geneseo.

D. Mental Health Supports, Services and Referrals

Given the unprecedented times for students, campuses should strive to do the following to increase the support for mental health services among our campus community:

- i.** Promote on-campus and community-based mental health treatment and resources, including:
 - a)** ReachOut SUNY.
 - b)** Thriving Campus.
 - c)** Middle Earth from the University at Albany.
- ii.** Highlight therapy groups and other peer-to-peer support strategies
- iii.** Advertise the availability of crisis services, including Crisis Text Line, including: NYS OMH Crisis Text Line: Text GOT5 to 741741

- iv. Publicize the availability of free online QPR suicide prevention training for students, faculty, and staff.

The College will continue full counseling services in a virtual format for all students on-campus, off campus, and those attending virtually from home. In addition, the College will continue to promote the full range of options available (as listed in i-iv above) as well as encourage continued student and employee participation in Kognito At-Risk for University and College Faculty & Staff and At-Risk for College Students and Student Leaders, for which Geneseo was recently nationally recognized as a “Campus Leader in Mental Health Literacy.”

5. Reporting

A. Daily Dashboard

Campuses are required to report daily COVID-related information to the SUNY COVID-19 Tracker in accordance with guidelines set forth by SUNY. Campuses that maintain their own COVID-19 dashboards must keep the data in their campus dashboards consistent with the SUNY COVID-19 Tracker at all times. If the campus does not keep its campus COVID-19 dashboard in sync with the SUNY COVID-19 Tracker, the campus COVID-19 dashboard shall be retired. Campuses may provide more information on their individual dashboard than what is currently required in the SUNY dashboard, in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws, but the core numbers shall be consistent with the SUNY COVID-19 Tracker.

Protocols identified in the approved plan for Fall 2020 semester will be followed. The SUNY COVID 19 Tracker is embedded on the Geneseo dashboard webpage.

B. Instructional Modalities

Campuses shall report to SUNY System Administration, as a continuation of fall semester reporting procedures, periodic statistical summaries of the distribution of instructional modalities between face-to-face, hybrid and remote methods as adjustments are made during the conduct of the academic semester.

The Provost Office will continue to provide this information to SUNY System Administration.

6. What Students Should Know: Transparency

Campuses shall disseminate a clear, plain language notice on “What Students Should Know” to all students. SUNY System Administration will develop a template for campuses to customize. This notice should provide information that includes but is not limited to: testing

requirements; mandatory quarantine and isolation; uniform compliance; and the percentage of courses which will be offered in person, and virtual so they can make informed decisions about their educational experience.

The informational “What Students Should Know” notice should include links or additional information about the specific policies. For instance, students should be provided a copy of the Chancellor’s Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations and additional Campus-specific sanctioning so they are aware of the penalties for failing to comply with all COVID-19 related testing and safety protocols.

We have identified the responsible administrators who will draft and disseminate this document in accordance with the forthcoming template SUNY System will be providing. This notice will include the following information related to course modality: 44% with some face-to-face components (18% fully in-person and 26% hybrid) and 56% online.

Data Points for Spring 2021

Confirmation of Campus Safety Monitor: *Scott Ewanow, ewanow@geneseo.edu*

Date Res Hall Students Return: *February 4, 5, and 6 will be the primary student return. Those approved for early arrival will return January 31.*

Surveillance Testing Frequency and Schedule (see above): *Weekly testing of 100% of students with an on-campus presence and employees with an on-campus presence beginning week of February 8.*

Max Residential Students: *2,196*

Max Non-Residential Students: *Approx 1,850*

Max Employees: *Approx 750*