



SUNY Oswego Testing Policy for Departing Campus Fall 2020

(as of 11/5/20)

To maintain the highest level of public health and safety standards as our students exit our campus and the greater Oswego County community, SUNY Oswego, with support from the Oswego County Health Department, has developed the below testing policy for implementation prior to **November 25, 2020**, the last day of face-to-face coursework.

1. **Mandatory Testing of Students.** All students residing on campus, working on campus, taking at least one class on campus, or utilizing services on campus will be mandated to take a COVID-19 test within 10 days prior to November 25, 2020.
 - a. Students may reserve one of the **3,475** saliva-testing slots available on campus between Monday, November 16 and Monday, November 23, 2020.
 - b. All on-campus students must receive confirmation of their negative COVID-19 pooled test result to receive clearance to formally check out of their residence halls to return home.
 - c. All residence hall directors will also receive confirmation that students have tested negative and are cleared to check out of their residence halls.
2. **Exceptions.** The following students may be exempted from the mandatory testing required in paragraph 1 above:
 - a. Non-residential students not taking classes on campus nor utilizing any in-person campus services (e.g. library, gym, dining)—i.e. fully remote students;
 - b. Students providing documentation to the campus of a COVID-19 diagnostic result within the 10-day period of Monday, November 16 and Wednesday, November 25, 2020 (antibody testing will not be allowed to satisfy this exemption);
 - c. Students providing documentation to the campus of a positive COVID-19 diagnostic result within the last 90 days.
3. **Testing of Faculty and Staff.** All employees currently reporting to campus, including UUP, PEF, CSEA, PBA and M/C employees, may reserve one of the **775** saliva-testing slots available on campus between Monday, November 16 and Wednesday, November 25, 2020.
4. **Continuation of Comprehensive Testing.** In addition to the expanded testing 10 days prior to November 25, 2020 as outlined in paragraph 1 above, SUNY Oswego will continue to offer comprehensive surveillance testing opportunities to any student or employee each week up to the last day of face-to-face classes and from November 30th through at least the end of the calendar year.

5. **Quarantine and Isolation.** SUNY Oswego will provide isolation/quarantine space to any residential student who tests positive for COVID-19 or has been exposed to COVID-19, as needed, through the balance of the calendar year. We will consult with the Oswego County Health Department before any student in quarantine or isolation is released to go home.
6. **Scheduling Options to Consider.** SUNY Oswego will schedule ample saliva testing opportunities on campus, in an effort to incorporate the time necessary to receive a test result before the student's departure.
 - a. If a student leaves campus prior to November 25, 2020, they assume full responsibility for completing all in-class responsibilities and requirements.
 - b. Any residential student who leaves campus must first receive a negative COVID-19 test result and must coordinate departure in consultation with Residence Life and Housing.
7. **Emphasis of Safety Protocols.** Comprehensive communications to students and employees will continue, including a reminder to limit contact, frequently wash hands, wear masks, and practice social distancing upon taking their COVID-19 test and departure in order to avoid any potential exposure, and explicitly encourage them to continue to practice such precautionary measures even when they have departed from campus in the time between semesters.
 - a. Comprehensive communications will include a campus announcement of the *Testing Policy for Departing Campus* as well as reminders to students to adhere to safety guidelines between the time the final COVID-19 test is taken and their departure from campus.
 - b. SUNY Oswego will also provide direct communication with City of Oswego Mayor William Barlow, County Administrator Philip Church, NYS Senator Patty Ritchie, and NYS Assembly members William Barclay, Brian Manktelow and Harry Bronson (SUNY Oswego alumnus).
8. **Students Approved to Remain On Campus.** Beginning November 26, 2020, the following guidelines are applicable to students who have been approved to remain on campus, including those with special circumstances such as those in isolation or quarantine, international students or students experiencing housing insecurity:
 - a. Students will be required not to travel outside CNY and will continue to be monitored by Residence Life and Housing staff;
 - b. Regular testing will be required for any student remaining on campus and all employees reporting to campus;
 - c. All isolation and quarantine areas will remain open and fully-serviced, as needed, for residential students, including daily meal service and health checks;
 - d. Health Services will continue providing a 24-hour per day call nurse support line (through Fonemed) to all students;
 - e. Health Services staff will work on a rotating schedule, as needed, with the balance of staff telecommuting.

We believe the above protocols combined with ongoing, aggressive testing, will provide for the greatest assurances of a safe and healthy departure for our students, their families, and the greater Oswego County community.