



# Monroe Community College

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

## Fall 2020 Departure / Return Plans

### Testing Policy for Departing Campus in Fall 2020

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## Overview & Purpose

Monroe Community College conducts weekly pooled surveillance testing of faculty, students, and staff for the purpose of identifying asymptomatic positive Covid-19 individuals, with the goal of first preventing then isolating if necessary any outbreak on campus as well as spread to outside communities. Testing has the capacity to be complemented by contact tracing completed by Health Services nurses trained in Johns Hopkins' process and isolation as necessary in a campus residence hall set aside for that purpose.

## Testing

Monroe Community College utilizes SUNY Upstate Medical for pool and reflex testing. Follow-up individual PCR tests are conducted on positive samples in the pool by SUNY Upstate Medical. Those individuals are placed in quarantine until their Polymerase Chain Reaction PCR test results come back. Symptomatic Residence Life students are isolated in Tribune Hall, pending their test results and resolution of symptoms.

Independent of these MCC testing activities, there is a NYS Department of Health (DOH) drive-through testing site on MCC's Brighton Campus which is utilized for individuals requiring PCR testing.

## Plan Logistics

Weekly testing is coordinated between the College's Director of Health Services and the Office of Public Safety. These efforts are supported by Dr. David Lawrence and his Dental Studies students along with the Office of Information Technology and other campus offices and volunteers.

## Monroe County Department of Public Health

Monroe Community College works closely with Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) through regular consultations and data reporting. MCC has sought guidance from the MCDPH in the development of this plan prior to its submission to SUNY.

## Isolation and Quarantine Protocol

MCC has reserved Tribune Hall, a residence hall on the Brighton Campus, for quarantine and isolation needs. The Hall has 127 private suites available for this purpose. The Office of Housing Residence Life provides personal protective equipment (PPE), food, and supplies to students in isolation or quarantine. Monroe Community College also has an MOU with the Monroe County Department of Public Health which clearly outlines roles and responsibilities of both parties. In addition, one registered nurse from Health Services is assigned to each residence Hall and communicates with students on a regular basis. The College does not provide quarantine or isolation arrangements for commuter or off-campus students.

## Monroe Community College Fall 2020 Plan

All Housing and Residence Life Students are mandated to pool test prior to Thanksgiving departure on **November 17th or 18th, 2020** and after Thanksgiving Break on **December 1st or 2nd, 2020**, as well as prior to departure at the end of the semester on **December 14th or 15th**.

- Students who reside outside of NYS and choose to leave will be tested before departure and quarantine for 14 days upon their return.

- Requirements for students living in NYS who choose to go home are:
  - Mandatory Pool Test before leaving
    - If a student tests positive and wants to safely isolate at home, they must have the approval of the local health department.
    - If they test negative, they may return to their home within NYS
  - Mandatory Pool Test on December 1st and 2nd, 2020
    - Upon arrival back on campus, students are to quarantine within their rooms, until they can produce a negative test result. MCC utilizes low-density housing and each student has their own room.
    - If a student has a positive test, they must move immediately into isolation in Tribune Hall and remain there until their isolation is complete and they have provided a release letter from the local health department. This process must be completed before being allowed to move back to their dorm room.
    - All residential students must participate in regularly scheduled Mandatory Pooled Testing again the following week (December 8th).
- Students who elect to remain in College Housing during the Break.
  - Students must confirm plans with Housing and Residence Life (HRL) by November 13, 2020 for the Thanksgiving break and the remainder of the fall semester. Any student with documented behavioral issues may not remain on campus.
  - HRL will provide a socially distanced Thanksgiving dinner prepared by Sodexo, the College's food service provider. Other limited food services will be available on campus.
- Commuter students and employees working on campus are either to be tested in a pool testing cycle on or prior to November 18, as well as upon return to campus in the first pool testing cycle after the Thanksgiving Break (December 1st or 2nd) or present verification of a negative COVID test from alternate testing site.
- Any student or employee involved in a clinical rotation, who is representing MCC at another institution must participate in weekly pool testing or provide a weekly negative COVID test from another testing source to [Studentrights@monroecc.edu](mailto:Studentrights@monroecc.edu).
- MCC's Counseling Center provides services in support of students' behavioral health.
- MCC regularly monitors Center for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State, SUNY, and Monroe County guidelines.
- MCC continues to provide data daily to the SUNY COVID 19 Tracker in accordance with guidelines set forth by SUNY.

NOTE: This document is subject to change based on SUNY, NYS, and Monroe County guidelines.