

Dear Members of the Penn State Law and SIA Community,

As discussed at the [University Town Hall](#) and Information and Listening Sessions last week, the University has developed an extensive plan for pre-arrival testing and quarantining and ongoing testing and contact tracing for Fall 2020. Here is a [summary](#) and [recording](#) of the University Town Hall, as well as detailed articles on [pre-arrival requirements](#) and [testing, contact tracing, and monitoring](#).

As the [pre-arrival requirements](#) article details, before returning to Penn State, all Penn State Law and SIA students must:

- Read and sign the new required “Penn State Coronavirus Compact” that outlines expectations for the semester (available via Lionpath later this month).
- Complete [mandatory pre-arrival COVID-19 testing](#), if notified. Select students living in counties across the United States with high infection rates will be contacted by the University on an individual basis in August to complete mandatory testing.
- Self-quarantine for at least 7 days immediately prior to arrival.
- Review Penn State and local requirements for masking and social distancing.

In addition, the [testing, contact tracing, and monitoring](#) article details additional pre-arrival testing:

- Staff and student workers (including resident assistants) who provide arrival and move-in support in high-density areas, such as check-in, will be given the at-home test or be required to be tested at TASC, if already in State College, prior to arrival.
- Faculty and staff who are currently living in a high-prevalence area will also be tested using either the at-home Vault test or in the TASC prior to arrival.

One question that arose at the Student Information and Listening Session was whether the pre-arrival testing would be timed early enough for Penn State Law, which starts several days ahead of SIA and the rest of the university. I have confirmed with the university that it will take our earlier start into account in the pre-arrival testing for Penn State Law students.

The University [testing, contact tracing, and monitoring](#) article also laid out the following additional **guidelines for everyone in the Penn State community**:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive or is suspicious of COVID-19, do not return to your Penn State campus. See your health care provider and get a COVID-19 test. Only travel to campus after you have been cleared by your health care provider, following CDC guidelines.
- All faculty, staff and students should self-quarantine — even if you do not feel sick or have no symptoms — **for at least 7 days** immediately prior to your arrival on campus, prior to moving into off-campus housing, or prior to starting classes if you are already living off-campus.
- Take every precaution in your travel to your Penn State campus to prevent introduction of COVID-19 to your campus community. If you are using any form of public

transportation, follow all CDC guidelines regarding masking, physical distancing and hygiene practices.

- Individuals who have been recently tested as COVID positive should not travel to campus until they are cleared.

One question that arose in our Response Team on Friday was how the 7-day quarantine requirement applies to faculty and staff who have already returned to work in the building. I clarified with the university that those already working in the building can continue to do so during the quarantine period, but should avoid engaging in gatherings and other risky behaviors (which everyone should be doing in the pre-arrival period and throughout the semester!).

I appreciate everyone working together to help us have a safe and healthy semester. As always, I am happy to address any questions or concerns.

Best,  
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