



# FALL 2020 END-OF-SEMESTER PLAN

FOR TESTING STUDENTS BEFORE THEY LEAVE



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# SUNY MORRISVILLE

*SUNY takes seriously its responsibility for the health and safety of the system's faculty, staff and students, and also for the communities within which its campuses reside. Further, we recognize that as the semester comes to a close, those affiliated with SUNY may be traveling, and we want to ensure that such travel is done in a manner that is safe for all communities. To that end, and out of abundance of caution, we are today implementing a new testing policy for departing campus in the Fall 2020.*

*Working alongside their local health department, campuses must create and submit to SUNY System Administration no later than Nov. 5, 2020, a plan outlining the steps to be taken to ensure the safe wind-down of Fall semester on-campus activities and to avoid community spread to the maximum extent possible, when all on-campus instruction ceases, as described below.*

## DEMOGRAPHICS

SUNY Morrisville has a student population of approximately 2,500. About 1,100 of those students live in residential housing on campus. Approximately 500 of the total number of students are enrolled in online classes only. About 250 students (40 are online only) are enrolled on the Norwich Campus.

The college and its auxiliary corporation employ approximately 600 individuals. About 20 employees work at the Norwich Campus. A significant portion of the employee population is working remotely for either a portion or the entirety of its work hours, minimizing the on-campus presence as much as possible.

Employee testing this semester has revealed that about half are on campus, while half are remote.

## TIMELINE

**SUNY Morrisville is scheduled to end all in-person instruction for the semester by Friday, Nov. 20.**

SUNY Morrisville will administer **two two-day clinics of pooled saliva testing** during the final weeks of the semester. Testing will be done in the Recreation Center, which allows for ample spacing and ventilation as well as separate rooms for pooling.

**For students planning to leave by Friday, Nov. 13**, testing will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 3-4.

**For students planning to leave by Friday, Nov. 20**, testing will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 10-11.

Norwich Campus students are scheduled for testing on Monday, Nov. 9, from 2-4 p.m.

Samples are scheduled for drop-off to SUNY Upstate/Quadrant Biosciences at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Students who participate in the first week of testing will have their swipe cards set to deactivate after Friday, Nov. 13. If students delay their departure for any reason, they will participate in another testing session.

**Students must participate in one of these testing dates to remain in good standing.** Students also risk having their swipe cards shut off until they have submitted a sample. Those who do not comply with SUNY system requirements guiding this plan are subject to student conduct violation review.

**Students should not participate in any testing more than 10 days prior to the date they expect to leave campus.**

Pooled tests results typically require 24 hours, though they can be delayed based on the lab's volume and other factors.

The soonest pooled results could be expected would be the **Thursday of each testing week (Nov. 5 and 12). This would include negative results, as well as positive pools.**

If any of the pooled tests are positive, **follow-up reflex testing of individual samples** within the positive pool are immediately scheduled. Results typically arrive within 24 hours, though they can be delayed. Results would not be expected sooner than **Friday of each testing week (Nov. 6 and 13).**

## ACTIONS UPON RESULTS

Students who receive a **negative test result can plan to leave campus as soon as possible after completing all in-person requirements** for their courses.

Per health authority guidelines, individuals who receive a **positive test result should plan to be placed in isolation** (typically 10 to 14 days). Individuals who are identified as a **close contact of a positive should plan to be placed in quarantine** (typically 14 days).

As SUNY Morrisville has done since the beginning of the semester, the college will work with the local county health authority (Madison County Department of Health, or MCDOH) to accommodate quarantine or isolation for individuals.

**Those who test positive after Nov. 11**, or who experience the onset of symptoms or other circumstances leading to other testing, **should expect quarantine or isolation to extend into or through the Thanksgiving break.**

Students in quarantine or isolation will be provided a room and daily meal delivery, as well as wellness check-ins. Access to a building manager who can provide needed supplies, as well as facilitate regular cleaning and access to laundry facilities, is also available.

## CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE TESTING

**Students will be encouraged to limit unnecessary travel or gatherings with others for the week leading up to testing, as well as during the time they wait for results and plan to leave campus.** They will be instructed to wear masks, keep physical distance and otherwise practice proven methods to protect their own health and the health of others by reducing potential exposure.

**The college will continue its twice-weekly wastewater monitoring.** The central plant is tested twice a week, and each of 10 residence halls is sampled individually once per week as well. Trends are monitored. If there is a significant elevation in detected levels, **follow-up pooled saliva testing is scheduled** for approximately five to seven (5-7) days after the wastewater sample was taken to allow for detection (testing sooner runs the risk of not detecting the virus's presence through saliva).

## EXCEPTIONS

- a. *Non-residential students not taking any 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.*

- c. *Students providing documentation to the campus of a previous positive COVID-19 diagnostic result within the last 3 months, unless that person is exhibiting the symptoms of COVID-19 and the symptoms cannot be associated with another illness.*

Students who are **fully remote**, or who have not been on campus prior to Oct. 21 and have no intention of returning to campus before Nov. 20, are exempted from this testing effort.

Students who have **previously tested positive** are exempted from this effort. Students who come out of mandatory quarantine during the November testing window will not be required to follow up with a test.

Students who provide **evidence of a negative PCR or pooled saliva test through other means** or another authority, within 10 days of their scheduled departure, are exempted from this effort.

#### TESTING OF FACULTY AND STAFF

*We strongly recommend faculty and staff get a test during the same period pursuant to the testing MOUs between the Chancellor and UUP, PEF, CSEA, and the PBA.*

**All employees will be invited to participate in the same testing clinics**, or otherwise make arrangements with Human Resources to provide their sample between Nov. 3 and 11. Facilities, Norwich Campus, EOC and Morrisville Auxiliary Corporation employees all have other arrangements in place to test in November. Norwich is set for Monday, Nov. 9, 2-4 p.m.

Employees who are fully remote, or who have not been on campus prior to Oct. 21 and have no intention of returning to campus before Nov. 20, are exempted from this testing effort.