



Dear Colleagues:

As our plans for the spring semester take shape, I wanted to alert you to the guidance that all campuses are being asked to incorporate into their fall and spring semester plans.

As we approach the end of in-person delivery for the current semester, campuses are being asked, as part of the Governor's attempt to decrease the likelihood of a spike in positive cases, to test all students participating in face-to-face courses before they return home for winter break. Each campus will submit plans for testing all students before they depart campus and travel to their homes for the winter break.

In terms of the spring semester, for all SUNY campuses, the guidance suggests starting in-person meetings after February 1, 2021. While campuses may commence the spring semester as per their official calendars, the guidance is to delay in-person meetings, whenever possible, until February 1.

Required for all spring reopening plans, students living on campus will be required to arrive with a negative COVID-19 PCR test. For students who cannot access a test before arriving on campus for the spring semester, they will be tested on campus before beginning in-person meetings.

Lastly, the guidance strongly encourages each campus to rethink the traditional week off for spring break. Many campuses are spreading the five days across the semester to provide students, faculty, and staff with much needed pauses in campus activities. Thank you, again, for all of your hard work. Your service and support of our students and community continues to be the keys to our success.