

What Students Should Know: COVID-19 and Returning to Campus

As we return to campus in spring 2021, SUNY Finger Lakes Community College's first priority is the health and safety of our campus community, including its students, faculty, and staff. The best way to maintain the safest environment possible throughout 2021 and beyond is for each of us to take steps to minimize the risks. This includes:

- wearing face coverings (masks)
- hand washing
- social distancing
- participating in testing and tracing
- completing daily screenings
- being mindful of our surroundings and the impact we have

Any of us alone can spread this disease and cause harm to others. But **all of us together can build a community that is safe and healthy**, where educational success is possible.

Returning to Campus Safely

Stay Informed

- **The spring semester will begin on Feb. 1.**
- SUNY maintains [a comprehensive dashboard of COVID-19](#) testing and infection rate status across the system and at each campus.
- FLCC's [COVID-19 webpage](#) also lists important information about the spring semester as well as testing status for FLCC.

Pre-semester Testing

Any student taking an in-person class in spring 2021 term, residing in The Suites at Laker Landing, participating on an athletics team, or visiting campus regularly for another reason is required to participate in an on-campus COVID-19 pooled surveillance test no earlier than Jan. 19 and no later than Jan. 29. Failure to participate, or show proof of an outside test during this period, will result in suspension of the ability to attend in-person classes until a test is completed.

For students who live in The Suites at Laker Landing, information about your return and requirements will be sent separately.

Students under 18 will need to have parent consent on file; [use this link](#) to complete parent/guardian consent.

Students who have not registered an account previously will need to do so before testing by visiting: suny-covid-test.com. When you get to the screen that asks if you have a test kit, you may stop. Your account is active.

You may use any email account with the site. If you do not have insurance, please contact studenthealth@flcc.edu for assistance in obtaining options. You can use "unknown" if you

do not have insurance to complete the registration. You should use your own phone number in that section if this is the case. For assistance completing the registration, please contact studentaffairs@flcc.edu.

Testing Schedule

Main Campus, Student Center, Second Floor

Jan. 19-Jan. 21: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 22: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jan. 25-29: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Newark Campus Center

Jan. 25: 9 to 11 a.m.

Jan. 26: 2 to 4 p.m.

Victor Campus Center

Jan. 19: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jan. 26: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Geneva Campus Center

Jan. 21: 2-3:30 p.m.

Jan. 25: 6 to 8 p.m.

Jan. 28: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Testing During the Semester

After the start of the semester, some groups of students who attend an FLCC location in-person will be required to test weekly and others monthly, based on relative risk. Please check your FLCC email account frequently for instructions on testing. Testing schedules will be posted on the COVID-19 page of the FLCC website.

Daily Screening

Everyone coming to campus must complete a daily online health screening. Finger Lakes Community College uses [CampusClear](#). Please download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play. You must use your fingerlakes.edu address to sign up.

Residents of The Suites at Laker Landing are required to begin using the app, regardless of physical location, daily starting on **Jan. 10**.

All students taking in-person courses, participating in athletics, or visiting campus regularly for another reason (more than once or twice per month) are required to complete the app daily between **Jan. 18** through **Jan. 31**.

Beginning on Feb. 1, students only complete the app on the days they go to an FLCC location.

Pre-Semester Quarantine

SUNY requires **all in-person students to quarantine from Jan. 25 through Jan. 31**. You will be asked on your first day at FLCC to sign a form stating that you quarantined with the exception of going to work, getting a COVID-19 test or getting health care. For information on how to quarantine, see the [New York State Health Department website](#).

Be Responsible: It's Easy to Do Your Part

Each of us can take small steps to protect ourselves and the campus community. Because COVID-19 is highly contagious, these simple measures apply **both on and off-campus**:

- **Wear face coverings** (masks) at all times on campus, including in classrooms, conference rooms and other public spaces, even when you are able to maintain six feet of social distancing.
 - Exceptions to this requirement include when students are (1) in their private residential or personal space, (2) eating meals on-campus while seated and socially distanced, or (3) by themselves in a lightly trafficked location where no other persons are present. Upon entry of another individual (who is less than 6 feet away), each person must put on their mask. Faculty and staff are likewise exempt when alone in their office or other private spaces.
- **Regularly wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- **Stay home when you are sick** or have potentially been exposed to COVID-19.
- **Practice social distancing** at all times to reduce transmission.

If Exposed, Complete Mandatory Quarantine and Isolation

Students who test positive for COVID-19, who have been placed on mandatory quarantine or who have tested for COVID but are awaiting results should complete [the self-reporting form](#). Students who fall into these categories should not come to campus. A member of the Student Health or Student Affairs office will contact you.

Students who live in The Suites at Laker Landing, who tested positive for COVID-19, or who may be suspected of coming into contact with a positive individual, will be subject to the isolation or quarantine protocols outlined in the information provided by the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

Students identified for mandatory quarantine or isolation (whether living in the Suites or at home) will have access to certain assistance, such as the delivery of food and medicine through county public health. Suites residents who are placed on FLCC quarantine will be supported by the College and Office of Housing and Residential Life. All students have access to psychosocial, academic and/or other supports, through various offices on campus. For assistance, please email: standards@flcc.edu, studenthealth@flcc.edu, housing@flcc.edu or studentaffairs@flcc.edu based on your needs.

Follow the Rules or Face Disciplinary Action

When the campus learns of a violation of the rules associated with COVID-19 safety, students may lose access to campus facilities and/or campus housing. Other disciplinary actions may be taken by the Community Standards and Counseling or Student Affairs offices. Student conduct is governed by the campus [Code of Conduct](#). Minimum sanctions are outlined in the [Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations](#). Consistent with SUNY policy, students who are partially or completely removed from the institution due to a violation are not eligible for refunds.

Failure to participate in the COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Testing between Jan. 19 and Jan. 29, will result in a hold being placed on the student to attend in-person classes, or participate with athletics until a test is on file with Student Health.

Take Care of Yourself – Physically and Mentally

We understand that this is an exceptionally challenging time. SUNY has resources to help you get the support you need.

[Community Standards & Counseling](#) has various support services including mental health support, emergency loans, a food pantry and resources and connections to local support systems.

[ReachOut SUNY](#)

[Thriving Campus](#)

[Middle Earth from the University at Albany](#)

New York State Office of Mental Health Crisis Text Line: Text **Got5U to 741741**.

Understand What’s Being Offered On Campus and Online

Most offices on campus will be open during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday) and assistance is also available virtually.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, Finger Lakes Community College plans to offer 25 percent of courses in-person. Seventy-five percent of courses will be available via online or synchronous remote learning.

Get Instructional and Technology Help

For assistance with remote or face-to-face courses please [visit the IT helpdesk](#).

For assistance with online courses please visit: <https://online.suny.edu/help/>

For tutoring, please visit [our academic support webpage](#) to learn about in person and remote assistance.

Request Accommodations for Disabilities

Students who wish to disclose covered disabilities and receive reasonable accommodations, for both in-person or online courses should contact the office by emailing: disabilityservices@flcc.edu or by visiting www.flcc.edu/disabilityservices. There is no timeline for when you must register with the office, but we highly encourage you to have your accommodations in place prior to the term beginning.

Follow Housing and Dining Updates

The Suites at Laker Landing will welcome residents for the spring 2021 semester beginning on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. The café will remain closed for the spring 2021 semester. Residents should plan on cooking meals in their full suite kitchens, to be supplemented by food truck service on weekdays when classes are in session.

If We Have to PAUSE, Follow These Rules

If the campus must switch to a two-week (or longer) pause, the following rules apply. The residence hall will remain open during PAUSE and no housing refunds will be issued. Residents will continue to be required to screen daily and test weekly per College requirements. All residents are advised and encouraged to refrain from social engagement inside and outside of the residence hall and comply with any directives issued by the College and Ontario County Public Health. Residents identified for quarantine or isolation must comply with directives from Ontario County Public Health. Additionally, residents instructed to officially quarantine or isolate are not allowed to leave the residence hall except with the approval of the local health department. If a student in official quarantine or isolation leaves, they must present evidence of negative COVID-19 test or participate in FLCC pooled testing within 48 hours of returning to campus.

If We Have to Pivot to Remote Instruction, Follow This Plan

If we have to pivot to remote instruction, the residence hall will remain open and no housing refunds will be issued. Residents will continue to be required to screen daily and test weekly per College requirements. All residents are advised and encouraged to refrain from social engagement inside and outside of the residence hall and comply with any directives issued by the College and Ontario County Public Health. Residents identified for quarantine or isolation must comply with directives from Ontario County Public Health. Additionally, residents instructed to officially quarantine or isolate are not allowed to leave the residence hall except with the approval of the local health department. If a student in official quarantine or isolation leaves, they must present evidence of negative COVID-19 test or participate in FLCC pooled testing within 48 hours of returning to campus.

Changes and Updates: The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic creates a fluid situation that may require unexpected changes in our response. Updates to scientific knowledge, public health guidance, or laws and regulations may mean SUNY and Finger Lakes have to make changes to our standards and rules, including those indicated above. SUNY and Finger Lakes will try to minimize these changes and their impact. We will keep you informed of new developments.

Thank you in advance for everything you are doing and will do to make 2021 safe for you, your fellow students, and the campus community and beyond.