Stony Brook University takes seriously its responsibility for the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff and has prioritized this as a part of our pandemic response and recovery since February, 2020. We also recognize that we have a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of the communities within which our campus resides, particularly as we are starting to see COVID-19 positivity rates increase throughout the nation.

Stony Brook enjoys a fantastic partnership with the Suffolk County Department of Health and all of our planning has occurred in lockstep with them. As we look ahead to the end of the Fall semester, and to avoid community spread to the maximum extent possible, the following will be adhered to:

1. **Mandatory Testing of Students:**
   All students taking at least one class on campus, utilizing services on campus (e.g. library, gym, dining), or working on campus will receive a COVID-19 test within 10-days prior to the campus closing on-campus instruction and services.
   a. All Residential students are currently being tested on a weekly basis through our on-site, commercial laboratory partner, Enzo labs. The testing is occurring on a scheduled, quad-by-quad basis and we have 100% compliance. Our student athletes are also included in this population and plans are underway to increase frequency of testing athletes to comply with associated regulation and best practices; particularly those related to potential travel for athletic events. Further, Enzo is readying to transition from nasopharyngeal testing to a front of nares swab which we expect will continue the compliance as we maintain frequent testing.
   b. Commuter students that have at least one on ground, face-to-face class are already included in our weekly, pooled saliva testing and will either:
      i. Undergo testing in the 10-day period; or
      ii. Provide a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test or proof of a positive
   c. All Students that opt to provide a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test in lieu of leveraging on-campus testing resources within the 10-day period will have these results uploaded to their student medical records in MEDICAT.

2. **Testing of Faculty and Staff/Continuation of Comprehensive Testing:**
   Pursuant to the testing MOUs between the Chancellor and UUP, PEF, CSEA, and the PBA, weekly pooled saliva testing will continue for all employees before the 10-day period, during the final week, and after the end of the semester. Any employee under the above collective bargaining agreements that is not working in a fully remote capacity, is included in the population being tested in partnership with SUNY Upstate Medical Center’s pooled saliva program. Further, and in an effort to test as many people as possible, we are broadening the scope to include members of the Faculty Student Association and our food service vendor, Culinart. Lastly, we are exploring additional testing options with another third party laboratory while our University Hospital continues to ramp up internal testing capacity.
3. **Quarantine and Isolation:**

We continue to maintain robust availability of campus isolation and quarantine spaces. Stony Brook main campus has 228 total designed capacity spaces available (with 21 being utilized for precautionary quarantine or isolation as of 11/4/2020) and our Southampton Campus has 88 total designed capacity spaces available (with 0 being utilized as of 11/4/2020.) The total University Quarantine and Isolation capacity is 316 spaces and we maintain the ability to convert further spaces as needed to meet demands. We have hired three dedicated contact tracers that work directly with the Suffolk County Department of Health as needed and also help to coordinate our three pooled saliva testing locations. Any student that has been exposed to COVID-19 within 14-days before the fall closing will be quarantined and isolated as needed in accordance with internal campus practices and based on guidance from the local county health department. In addition, food service delivery, telemedicine/tele mental health services, emergency medical services, laundry service, remote advising and all other student services will continue to be available for students needing precautionary quarantine or isolation.

We are in the process of querying residential students to ascertain how many will remain on campus after the Thanksgiving Holiday and during the complete virtual instruction period, which commences on Monday, November 30, 2020 as well as how many will remain during the intersession. Current estimates are as follows:

- Students remaining between 11/30/20 and completion of final exams on 12/17/20 – approximately 2,500
- Students remaining between 12/17/20 and 2/1/20 (mostly graduate students which would normally be on campus – approximately 1,000
- All residential students remaining on campus will be subject to weekly testing as described above.

Lastly, the campus Health Information Line personnel will continue to liaise with the Suffolk County Health Department to ensure that all non-residential student, faculty or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19, within 14-days before the fall closing, follow the guidance of the Suffolk County Health department as to the length of isolation/quarantine and release protocols.

4. **Scheduling Options:**

Based on our current schedules for weekly testing of residential students, that population will easily fit into the recommendation to test proximate to campus departure. Residential students will be allowed to leave campus as soon as they receive a negative test in consultation with the Suffolk County Department of Health. Testing of non-resident students and faculty/staff will follow the schedule described above.
5. **Emphasis of Safety Protocols:**

One of the pillars of our COVID-19 response and recovery planning has been the emphasis on the health and safety of our campus community. Weekly messages under the banner of our Coming Back Safe and Strong communication strategy continue to highlight the importance of following best practices associated with daily health screening, use facial coverings, maintaining social distancing and limiting close contacts, and frequent COVID-19 surveillance testing. A broad communication to residential students regarding all of the requirements described herein as well as the expectations for the Spring semester is being drafted, as are reminder videos to further emphasize the importance of safe conduct before and after departing campus. Similar communications are being drafted for faculty and staff as we anticipate travel for the holidays and between semesters. Students will be subjected to the Stony Brook University Code of Conduct and the Chancellor’s [Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations](#) as they relate to testing compliance and campus departure requirements.