

# Suffolk County Community College

## College Brief

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TO:            The College Community

FROM:        Office of Human Resources

SUBJECT:     Updates to COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Guidance

Earlier this week, the New York State and Suffolk County Departments of Health announced an update to their Quarantine and Isolation Guidance. In response to these modifications and **effective Monday, January 10, 2022**, the college will adjust its protocols as follows:

**All employees, vaccinated or unvaccinated who test positive for COVID-19, must *isolate* for 5 days.** Employees should return to work after day 5 of their isolation period, provided they:

- have not had a fever for at least 24 hours;
- symptoms have resolved or have improved;
- wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.

**For employees who are exposed to COVID-19:**

- If not fully vaccinated, *quarantine* for 5 days, return to work and wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.
- If fully vaccinated, NOT boosted, and eligible for a booster, *quarantine* for 5 days, return to work and wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.
- If fully vaccinated and boosted (with the booster completed at least 2 weeks before the first date of exposure), no quarantine is required, but these employees should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for 10 days after the last date of exposure.
- It is recommended, but not required, that all employees test on/about day 5 after any COVID-19 exposure. However, if symptomatic within that 5-day period, employees should test immediately. If test result is positive, employees must begin an isolation period of at least 5 days as referenced above.

While at work, employees are reminded of the following:

- Continue to wear a well-fitting mask at all times while on campus.
- Practice social distancing from co-workers at all times (including breaks and meals), except when job duties do not permit such distancing.

- Self-monitor for symptoms and seek evaluation from a healthcare provider if symptoms occur, recur, or worsen.

All employees should continue to monitor themselves for possible symptoms of COVID-19. If you do not feel well, please do not come to work. Employees who are COVID-19-positive should not report to work, and should self-isolate/quarantine per the above guidance. Employees who are COVID-19-positive or who have questions, must email [covid@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:covid@sunysuffolk.edu).

In light of the challenge faced by the general population in finding COVID-19 testing opportunities, we are fortunate to have access to free testing available across our campuses. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this access. A [comprehensive testing calendar](#) is available. Free testing is available for all faculty and staff at these locations:

- Ammerman Campus: Kreiling Hall-Room 207B
- Michael J. Grant Campus: Captree Commons-Room 113
- Eastern Campus: Peconic Building-Shark Tank (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

As a reminder, Suffolk County also offers free rapid drive-through COVID-19 testing for active employees, their dependents and retirees as follows:

**Smith Point County Park** every Saturday as listed below from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary and employees/retirees and their dependents will be tested at their vehicles.

- **Saturday, January 8, 2022**
- **Saturday, January 15, 2022**
- **Saturday, January 22, 2022**
- **Saturday, January 29, 2022**
- **Saturday, February 5, 2022**
- **Saturday, February 12, 2022**
- **Saturday, February 19, 2022**
- **Saturday, February 26, 2022**

In addition, every Wednesday through the month of February, Baseline Health will operate another drive-through testing site at the **Suffolk County Fire Academy**, located at 102 East Avenue in Yaphank, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary and employees/retirees and their dependents will be tested at their vehicles.

- **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**
- **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**
- **Wednesday, January 26, 2022**
- **Wednesday, February 2, 2022**
- **Wednesday, February 9, 2022**
- **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**
- **Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

Employees/dependents/retirees seeking testing at these locations must present either:

- An employee identification card,
- a paystub, or
- a Suffolk EMHP insurance card.

If you have any questions related to the county testing site, please call 311.