



# NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## CAMPUS COVID-19 UPDATE

November 24, 2020

To: All Students, Faculty and Staff  
From: Scott Freund, Executive Vice President  
Re: Travel to “Hot Spot States”

The following serves as an update to the memo sent to the NEIT community on November 6, 2020 entitled, Thanksgiving Break Protocols, in which information was provided about travel to “Hot Spot States.”

As a reminder, a “Hot Spot State,” is defined as a state with a COVID test positivity rate in excess of 5% (see list at: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/travel/> - scroll to “Rhode Islanders Returning From Travel”). The states on the “Hot Spot State” list can change daily. It will be important to check the “Hot Spot State” list frequently, especially on the date you plan to arrive to Rhode Island. Hot Spot State designations are those that are in effect on the day of your arrival to Rhode Island.

NEIT received the following clarification from the Governor’s Office pertaining to travel to a “Hot Spot State”:

1. If commuter students and employees, living outside of Rhode Island, regardless of whether in a Hot Spot State or not, spend Thanksgiving at their homes, they should be considered the same as people commuting to RI for work, which means there is no need to quarantine before arriving to NEIT.
2. If commuter students travel to a Hot Spot State, other than the one in which they live, for reasons other than commuting to school, they would have to quarantine for 14 days upon return home and before they can arrive to NEIT. (For example, if a student lives in MA and travels to Florida to visit friends or family, the student must quarantine for 14 days upon return home.) Students cannot provide a negative COVID test result in lieu of completing a 14-day quarantine.
3. If employees travel to a Hot Spot State, other than the one in which they live, for reasons other than commuting to work (example, employee lives in MA and travels to Florida to visit relatives) they will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon their return home or, in the alternative, provide a negative COVID test result (PCR test – not a rapid test) taken within 72 hours of the date of their arrival home. Those choosing to take a 72-hour PCR test will need to quarantine

until a negative test result is returned, after which their quarantine can end. (Test results need to be submitted to NEIT's Contact Tracing Team, [NEITTracing@neit.edu](mailto:NEITTracing@neit.edu), prior to returning to campus.) A 14-day quarantine prior to arriving to campus is required if the employee does not submit a 72-hour test result.

4. Resident students received an email on 11/24/2020 from the Director of Residence Life explaining that students who traveled to a Hot Spot State, during the Thanksgiving break will need to submit a negative COVID test result (PCR test – not a rapid test) taken within 72 hours of the time of arrival to NEIT and will need to quarantine in the residence hall for 14 days upon arrival to campus.

We wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving, and look forward to resuming classes on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.