



NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CAMPUS COVID-19 UPDATE

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To: The NEIT Community
From: Scott Freund, Executive Vice President
Re: Increased COVID-19 Testing Requirements

First, I would like to acknowledge that you, our state officials and our neighbors have all been doing an effective job at limiting the spread of COVID-19. As part of our strategy to limit the spread, the state of Rhode Island and NEIT will be expanding our COVID-19 testing programs immediately.

The number of COVID-19 cases and other public health metrics here in Rhode Island are reaching critical thresholds. If not reversed now, the continuation of this trend will be devastating to our community, our families and friends. Increased testing, contact tracing and other measures are imperative. All members of our NEIT community must cooperate and comply with our current and evolving policies and practices, including the requirement for broader testing.

In collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Health, we formulated a plan to expand COVID-19 testing of students, faculty and staff living in Rhode Island. There will be more details forthcoming in a few days. In the meantime, below is a brief summary of what to expect.

- Residential Students
 - We are continuing our program of testing all residential students once a week with no change in plan.
- All other students, including those learning 100% online
 - Students will be directed to be tested at a state authorized testing site through the state testing portal at least one time between now and the end of the Fall Term. The schedule for testing will be issued shortly.
- Faculty and Staff
 - All faculty and staff will be tested at least one time between now and the end of the Fall Term. Some may be tested on-campus and others will be directed to be tested at a state authorized testing site through the state testing portal. The schedule for testing will be issued shortly.
- All other testing requirements previously outlined will remain in effect.

As always, our priority is keeping the NEIT community and our neighbors as safe as possible in these challenging times. I look forward to our collective commitment to this important goal.

Thank you.