



NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CAMPUS COVID-19 UPDATE

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TO: Commuter Students

FROM: Scott Freund, Executive Vice President

RE: Returning to Campus After the Winter Break

As we prepare for the winter break period, it is important for you to know the following information if you will be physically returning to any of NEIT's campuses after the break.

Please understand that the following was written based on guidance from the RI Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Governor's Office, as it stands today. Things can change quickly during this pandemic; therefore, as warranted, an update to this memo may be distributed if the guidance from RIDOH and/or the Governor's Office changes.

A "Hot Spot State" is defined by the RI Department of Health as a state with a COVID-19 test positivity rate in excess of 5%. See list at:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/1/d/e/2PACX-1vSUCk9FIHBoJt5ZO0U6PKTTY7jHH8V4MovEDOWiqpTTixdgMSCnUWI25xX5DCmQmtLknzu7Bo0jwY02/pubhtml?gid=0&single=true>.

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.

Whether you live in RI or another state, if you travel to a "Hot Spot State" for more than same-day travel, you must notify NEIT's Contact Tracing Team (CTT), NEITTracing@neit.edu, when you return home and prior to returning to campus.

The following is the most recent guidance NEIT has received from the Governor's Office:

1. **Commuter Students Living Outside Rhode Island** - If commuter students, living outside of Rhode Island, regardless of whether in a "Hot Spot State" or not, spend their time off 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. **All Commuter Students** - If commuter students travel to a “Hot Spot State”, other than the one in which they live, including those who live in Rhode Island, for reasons other than commuting to school, they would have to quarantine for 14 days upon returning 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 returning home.) Students cannot provide a negative COVID test result in lieu of completing a 14-day quarantine.

In addition to a 14-day quarantine, when you return home and before returning to campus, you must provide NEIT’s CTT (NEITTracing@neit.edu) with evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result (a PCR test - a lab test, not a rapid test) taken within 72 hours of the date you intend to return to campus. Once your test result is submitted to the CTT, a CTT staff member will then confirm the date you can return to campus.

Students are reminded that although this memo references the winter break period, travel to a “Hot Spot State” for more than same-day travel occurring at any time will require commuter students to follow the same steps indicated above.

We thank you for all that you have done so far to keep the NEIT community safe and ask that you continue to do your part in minimizing the risk of COVID-19 transmission during this pandemic.

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday season!