



NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CAMPUS REOPENING UPDATE

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TO: All Students
FROM: Scott Freund, Executive Vice President
RE: Thanksgiving Break COVID-19 Protocols

The fall term is quickly passing and within several weeks it will be Thanksgiving. As you begin to think about your plans for Thanksgiving, it is important for you to know the following information. Please understand that the following was written based on guidance from the RI Department of Health (RIDOH), as it stands today. Things can change quickly during this pandemic and the guidance from RIDOH can change as well. Therefore, as warranted, an update to this memo may be distributed once we get closer to Thanksgiving break.

All students traveling to a Hot Spot State

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://health.ri.gov/covid/travel/> - scroll to “Rhode Islanders Returning From Travel”). If you travel to a Hot Spot State for more than just same-day travel, you should notify NEIT’s Contact Tracing Team (CTT), NEITTracing@neit.edu, prior to your return to campus for information about the next steps.

The status of a state as a Hot Spot State can change quickly. It will be important to check to see if the state to which you travel is on the Hot Spot State list (link above) on the date you plan to return to campus. If it is, you will need to comply with the information provided below as well as follow the guidance provided by a CTT staff member.

Commuter students returning from a Hot Spot State

You will be required to quarantine for 14 days beginning on the date you return to your place of residence. You will not be able to return to campus until your 14-day quarantine has ended and you have provided NEIT’s Contact Tracing Team, 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 your return date to campus. A member of the Contact Tracing Team will notify you of the date you can return to campus.

All residential students

The residence hall will be closed the week of Thanksgiving from noon on November 21 until noon on November 29. You cannot return to the residence hall after Thanksgiving until you have provided evidence to NEIT's Contact Tracing Team, NEITTracing@neit.edu, of a negative COVID-19 test result (a PCR test - a lab test, not a rapid test) taken within 72 hours of your arrival date to campus.

Residential students returning from a Hot Spot State

In addition to presenting a negative COVID-19 test as mentioned above, upon your arrival to campus, you will be required to quarantine in your residence hall room for up to 14 days. You will also be required to continue participating in NEIT's weekly (Tuesdays) COVID-19 testing. (It is your responsibility to register for testing. We recommend you do this on the Sunday before the Tuesday test date.) If your second test, taken in the second week of your quarantine, indicates a negative result, a member of NEIT's Contact Tracing Team will notify you that your quarantine has ended. Your quarantine cannot end until you have received notification from a member of the Contact Tracing Team.

If a COVID-19 test taken at NEIT results in a positive test result, you will be required to isolate in accordance with your COVID Care Plan that you submitted when you completed your residence hall application.

If you have any questions about COVID-19 tests or quarantine, contact the Contact Tracing Team at NEITTracing@neit.edu or 401-780-4102.

You are reminded that although this memo references the Thanksgiving break, travel to a Hot Spot State occurring at any time will require, until further notice, 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.