



**SUNY University Faculty Senate
189th Plenary**

October 8, 2021

Campus Overview Changing Landscape from 2020

- Since the beginning of the pandemic and the State disaster emergency declared in March 2020, the State and NYSDOH imposed many required protocols to be followed by higher education institutions.
- On June 15, 2021, the Governor announced that all state-mandated COVID-19 health and safety restrictions were lifted.
- On June 24, 2021, the Governor announced that New York ended the state disaster emergency declared for the COVID pandemic.
- On July 7 (revised on July 8), the Chancellor issued updated guidance to all campuses indicating that independent authority to manage most of the COVID-19 protocols was returned to each campus.
- Certain system-wide requirements would continue including mandatory testing of any unvaccinated individual, student or employee, on a weekly basis.

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Changing Landscape from 2020

- Campuses have authority to impose more restrictive protocols.
- The State issued a mandatory indoor mask requirement at all State operated facilities for everyone regardless of vaccination status.
- Local health departments are now the designated points of contact for campus regarding contact tracing

Campus Fall 2021 Overview

- Campuses have resumed nearly full capacity with preliminary estimates showing approximately 375k students enrolled in both in-person and online course with approximately 250k students with a physical presence on campus.
- Campuses are maintaining strict adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols and reporting very low transmission rates, hovering around .5% system-wide.
- Pursuant to SUNY policy, all campuses must require that any student or employee who is not fully vaccinated must submit to mandatory weekly testing or be subject to discipline, including suspension.
- High compliance with the State mask directive for all indoor spaces.
- SUNY continues to host a weekly meeting with all Campus Safety Monitors who are the primary points of contact designated by each President for Covid-19 response.

Student Vaccine Policy:

Background

- SUNY Policy adopts the State of New York directive that all public colleges and universities mandate that all students who intend to engage in-person at a SUNY campus or facility must receive a COVID-19 vaccination, pending final approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”).
- **Jun 23rd**: SUNY Board of Trustees resolution delegated policy and implementation to the Chancellor.
- **Aug 23rd**: FDA approved Pfizer vaccine which triggered SUNY student vaccine policy to take effect.
- The vaccine policy includes up to 35-day grace period for students to become compliant in the Fall semester. (Ended Sep 27th)
- **Leading at SUNY System**: All Management/Confidential employees at SUNY System Administration must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as an on-going condition of employment.

Student Vaccine Policy: Compliance

As of Today (10/8/21):

- Approximately 98.8% of entire student body in compliance
 1. Less than 3,200 students are non-compliant
 2. The majority of non-compliant students are found at less than 10 campuses
 3. Most non-compliance concentrated among non-residential, community college students
- Campuses started the un-enrollment process after having a period of 10 days to work with students who want to comply with vaccine policy including the option of being placed on a temporary leave of absence
- Campuses are exerting much effort during the un-enrollment period to focus on vaccination compliance