



Addendum Ithaca College Reopening Plan  
December 24, 2020

This addendum provides notice that Ithaca College intends to fully implement the Ithaca College Reopening Plan submitted on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 with the modifications noted below. As we explained in our Addendum to the Reopening Plan submitted on August 28, 2020 (where we described our plan to remain remote for the fall 2020 semester) we are moving forward with our intention to welcome our college community back to campus for the spring semester.

We will implement our Reopening Plan with the following significant modifications:

Capacity

- Ithaca College will begin to welcome students back beginning on Thursday, January 7. These early arrivals will focus on supporting students who must quarantine to satisfy the New York State Travel Advisory, our winter athletes, and our essential student employees.
- For those students who cannot make their own quarantine arrangements within New York, the college will be able to provide a limited number of quarantine rooms on campus for residential students from non-contiguous states, U.S. Territories, or CDC Level 2 or 3 countries. Beginning on Thursday, Jan. 7, and continuing for each of the next three Thursdays, 100 students per week will have the opportunity to arrive on campus for their 3-day quarantine (for a total of 400 students).
- For all other residential students, a phased residence hall move-in will be conducted from January 19 to February 5. Ithaca College is asking that all students complete a self-quarantine for 14 days at home before traveling to Ithaca. In addition, we are strongly recommending that students obtain a COVID-19 test before traveling to Ithaca. If positive, students may not travel until released from isolation.

Return to Campus Testing

- Students will be tested upon arrival, including commuter and off-campus students, and will enter Ithaca College's precautionary quarantine. Residential students will complete this quarantine either on campus or in an Ithaca College-provided hotel room, commuter or off-campus students will complete this in their independent living arrangement. Students may not access campus or the broader community until they test negative.
- Employees will begin testing when the college reopens on Monday, January 4. Essential employees may access campus while their test results are pending, provided they complete the Daily Health Screening and comply with all required public health measures. Nonessential employees must remain off-campus until a negative result is received. Employees were asked to complete a "Daily Health Screening and Testing Registration" form so that we can tailor the screening and testing frequency relative to their plans for accessing campus during the spring semester.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Given that face coverings are more widely available, we will be reducing the number of reusable face coverings we provide to students and employees from three to two.



- We are permitting the use of goggles or a face shield, in conjunction with a face covering. A face shield is not an acceptable substitute for a face covering.

#### Academic Operations

- Ithaca College will hold one in-person class during a winter term session (Jan 11-22).
- Our spring semester begins on Monday, January 25 however the first two weeks of coursework will be remote for the majority of our students. In-person classes for the spring semester will begin on Monday, February 8. We have a small number of students in our health professions programs that will begin face-to-face instruction on Monday, January 25 due to accreditation requirements and/or the need for face-to-face instruction to maintain degree progression.
- Students had the choice to attend courses face-to-face or declare remote instruction for the semester. Not all coursework can be completed remotely due to accreditation requirements and/or the need for face-to-face instruction to maintain degree progression.

#### Business Operations

- Essential employees will continue to report to campus. Nonessential employees will remain remote or utilize staggered schedules where possible to reduce density on campus.

#### Athletics

- Winter athletics competition was suspended; however, winter athletes will be practicing under heightened health and safety guidelines. No final determination about spring athletic competition has been made at this time.

#### Testing Responsibility

- In addition to arrival testing, students will be tested twice weekly under our asymptomatic surveillance testing program. This will continue through at least February at which time we will assess the situation to determine whether that frequency continues to be warranted. Employees will be tested either once weekly or every other week depending upon their level of contact on campus.
- We will continue to partner with Cayuga Health System for our testing program, however will be switching to a saliva self-collection process rather than the nasopharyngeal swab.
- More information about our testing protocol and frequency is available here: <https://www.ithaca.edu/return-to-campus/health-safety-prevention/testing>

#### Tracing

- We have enhanced our contact tracing capabilities to include a contact tracer within Hammond Health Center to support students and one within Human Resources, under the guidance of Hammond Health Center, to support employees. These individuals will be providing rapid notification to positive students or employees to implement isolation (or quarantine) quickly while awaiting confirmatory contact tracing from the health department.