



Addendum
Ithaca College Reopening Plan
August 28, 2020

This addendum revises the Ithaca College Reopening Plan submitted on Tuesday, August 11. Our intention was to welcome our community back to campus this fall. However, the reality of COVID-19 and its current national trajectory is deeply concerning. This pandemic has infected more than 5.4 million people in the United States and has taken the lives of more than 170,000. We have been fortunate in New York State, and specifically in the Ithaca area, to currently have a low prevalence of infections. These numbers are encouraging, but we have learned from watching other communities how delicate this equilibrium is, and how quickly it can be disrupted. We have therefore made the difficult decision to extend remote instruction through the fall semester. We fully intend to welcome our college community back to campus for the spring semester.

Our Reopening Plan remains in effect, albeit scaled back, with the following significant modifications until further notice, expected by early 2021:

- Only essential staff and faculty who must prepare or deliver course instruction will access campus. We are strongly encouraging faculty and staff who do not need to access campus to remain fully remote through January 2021 and until further notice.
- Select cohorts of students in health professions or graduate programs* will be invited to return to campus for face-to-face instruction as their majors require hands-on classroom instruction to prepare for licensing or certification and/or there are curricular components of graduate programs that are sequenced and can only be delivered on campus.
- We will have an extremely limited exceptions process to provide residential, on-campus housing and services for students whose current circumstances present significant barriers or hardship to their learning and/ or well-being. Requests will be reviewed by a team consisting of representatives from Student Affairs and Campus Life, Academic Affairs, and Student Accessibility Services.
- Given the reduced number of students returning to campus, we will be able to accommodate residential students invited to return from restricted states with quarantine and wrap-around support on campus to satisfy New York State requirements. Health professions students unable to arrive 14 days before classes begin may attend classes under the “exemptions for essential workers” clause until they have satisfied the 14-day quarantine requirement.
- Off-campus students choosing to travel to the Ithaca area, including those with fully remote coursework, are expected to comply with the New York State Travel Advisory, including completing the 14-day quarantine and the New York Traveler’s Health Form.

- Dining, facilities, residential life, and other auxiliary services will be scaled back to support the number of students on campus. Some non-essential services (e.g., fitness center, campus store, etc.) will not be open or available for use.
- Heightened cleaning protocols in occupied residence halls and the buildings where face-to-face coursework is occurring will be in effect. All other campus buildings with minimal use will have scaled-back cleaning protocols. We will continue our testing of essential employees, faculty members who must access campus, and invited students upon their return to campus, and on an ongoing basis throughout the semester. Electronic daily health screening, the Community Agreement, and all related health and safety requirements remain in effect.

***Excepted Students**

- **Health Professions Students**
 - Graduate students in the Doctorate in Physical Therapy
 - Seniors entering the professional phase of the Doctorate in Physical Therapy
 - Seniors entering the professional phase of the Master's in Occupational Therapy
 - Juniors and Seniors in Athletic Training
- **Education Students**
 - Graduate students in the MAT in Adolescence Education or Agriculture Education and the MS in Childhood Education programs
- **Business Students**
 - Graduate students in the Entertainment and Media Management MBA program
 - Graduate students in the Master of Science in Accounting program
- **Music Students**
 - Graduate Teaching Assistants, by approval, who need access to facilities and equipment to teach their classes