

**FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**POLICY REGARDING RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The following addresses return to campus guidelines for all International Students and any student that travels internationally prior to the start of the spring semester. The policy is separated into four different student classifications based on your residence type and travel prior to the start of the semester. Those classifications include:

[Group 1: International student living in Residence Hall and traveling to the US for the spring 2021 semester](#)

[Group 2: International student living off-campus and traveling to the US for the spring 2021 semester](#)

[Group 3: International student living in Residence Hall and NOT traveling internationally prior to the spring 2021 semester](#)

[Group 4: International student living off-campus and NOT traveling internationally prior to the spring 2021 semester](#)

**GROUP 1: On-Campus Resident Traveling to US for Spring Semester**

**Return to Campus**

Group 1 students should plan to return to campus January 4-6. You must be COVID and Symptom free or not otherwise required to quarantine prior to your arrival. If you cannot arrive on your designated date, you should contact Merri Incitti, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Operations at [Merri.Incitti@fairmontstate.edu](mailto:Merri.Incitti@fairmontstate.edu). Ms. Incitti will assist in coordination with other areas on campus (like housing) to ensure your seamless return.

**International Student Athletes:** Student athletes may be directed to return to campus at different times than those listed above. If you are a student athlete, you should return to campus on the date noted above unless instructed by Athletics.

**Quarantine Guidelines**

All students that have traveled internationally shall quarantine for at least 7 days upon their return to campus. Prior to being approved to leave quarantine, all students that have traveled internationally shall have received a negative COVID-19 test result no sooner than day 6 of quarantine. All international students that receive a positive COVID test result shall remain in quarantine for 14 days.\*

## COVID-19 Testing

You will be required to take a COVID-19 test on **Monday, January 11 from 8 – 10 a.m. in Falcon Center, Gym 1.**

### What to Bring to my COVID-19 Test

Because this is a saliva-based test **you should not eat, drink, smoke, use tobacco products, chew gum or use mouthwash 30 minutes prior to your test.**

Below are some general reminders about your test.

- It is important that you arrive during your scheduled appointment time to help manage wait times and facilitate physical distancing.
- Please **bring your Falcon ID** to the testing site and have it ready to show at check-in. You will not need a health insurance card and there is no cost to you for these tests.
- Head to your testing location (**at the Falcon Center – Gym 1**) and follow signs for surveillance testing. You will be required to enter through the outside doors near the quad area. Testing will occur with **physical distancing and masks required**. Only those who need to complete testing, or are assisting in the testing process, will be permitted in the testing area.
- Surveillance Testing will be saliva based. It is recommended that you hydrate in the hours before your test, however, **you should not eat, drink, smoke, use tobacco products, chew gum or use mouthwash 30 minutes prior to your test.**
- If possible, please bring your smartphone to pre-register and complete patient consent documents. Laptops will be available for anyone needing a device.

For more information about the COVID-19 Testing Program, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit <https://www.fairmontstate.edu/surveillance>

### What to Expect After my Test

- You should return to your residence hall room immediately after completing your test.
- You will receive email updates on the status of your test directly from VAULT Health. Your test result will also be emailed directly to you. Communication will be sent to the email used to create your VAULT Health account.
- Please maintain physical distance and continue to follow campus guidelines.
- Wear your mask according to the mask guidelines available at [www.fairmontstate.edu/masks](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/masks).

### Students with a Positive Test

- Students with a positive test result will be notified by the local health department, directly by VAULT Health and by a member of the campus COVID Taskforce.
- Representatives from the local health department will conduct a case investigation for all positive cases and initiate contact tracing.

- The University will assist with contact tracing and also work with local health departments to determine if there is a need to decontaminate a specific facility or implement any additional mitigation measures.
- A member of Student Services will be in touch regarding class options and resources.
- Testing information regarding patients is regulated by the [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)](#) guidelines and will be kept confidential.

### **If you Have COVID-19 Symptoms After Being Tested**

- Do not leave your residence hall room.
- Contact your primary Care Physician, Student Health or the Marion County Health Department
- Report your symptoms at [www.fairmontstate.edu/reportillness](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/reportillness)

## **GROUP 2: Off-Campus Student Traveling to the US for the Spring 2021 Semester**

### **Return to Campus**

Group 2 students should plan to return to their off-campus residence January 4-6. You must be COVID and Symptom free or not otherwise required to quarantine prior to your arrival. If you cannot arrive on your designated date, you should contact Merri Incitti, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Operations at [Merri.Incitti@fairmontstate.edu](mailto:Merri.Incitti@fairmontstate.edu). Ms. Incitti will assist in coordination with other areas on campus (like housing) to ensure your seamless return.

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### **Quarantine Guidelines**

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### **What to Expect After my Test**

- You should return to quarantine in your off-campus location and await the results of your COVID-19 test.
- You will receive email updates on the status of your test directly from VAULT Health. Your test result will also be emailed directly to you. Communication will be sent to the email used to create your VAULT Health account.
- Please maintain physical distance and continue to follow campus guidelines.
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### **GROUP 3: On-Campus Resident NOT Traveling outside the US for Spring Semester**

#### **Return to Campus**

Group 3 students should plan to return to campus January 4-6 and should schedule your move-in with the Office of Residence Life. You must be COVID and Symptom free or not otherwise required to quarantine prior to your arrival. If you cannot arrive on your designated date, you should contact Merri Incitti, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Operations at [Merri.Incitti@fairmontstate.edu](mailto:Merri.Incitti@fairmontstate.edu). Ms. Incitti will assist in coordination with other areas on campus (like housing) to ensure your seamless return.

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#### **Quarantine Guidelines**

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#### **COVID-19 Testing**

You will be required to take a COVID-19 test at the completion of your two hour move-in appointment. Please see housing communications for more details.

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## **GROUP 4: Off-Campus Student NOT Traveling to the US for the Spring 2021 Semester**

## **Return to Campus**

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**Follow all CDC guidelines for travel.** Please recall that testing before and after travel can reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Testing does not eliminate all risk, but when paired with a period of staying at home and everyday precautions like [wearing masks](#) and [social distancing](#), it can make travel safer by reducing spread on planes, in airports, and at destinations.

If you have COVID symptoms, or have been exposed to someone with COVID, do not travel and quarantine yourself from other people, get [tested](#), and monitor their health.

You are reminded that you are required to follow all Fairmont State University COVID guidelines and should consult the Fairmont State COVID website for the latest information.

\*length of quarantine detailed here-in is subject to the desertion and direction of the Marion County Health department.