

FRANKLIN PIERCE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

***Testing and Self-Quarantine for Your Return to Campus!***

***Greetings Ravens!*** We cannot wait until we have the chance to all be back together on campus in January. We were able to safely and successfully finish our fall semester because of the commitment you, our students, had to a safe experience. To remain safe in the spring and assure that we can have a proper on-the-ground commencement for the class of 2021, we need to maintain that same level of vigilance and commitment. ***We know that, together, we can do it.***

Please review the updated health and safety guidelines on the [Ravens Return](#) section of the University's website before you return to campus for the spring. You will see some updated information regarding our Randomized Testing in the Spring semester, definitions for our new Shelter in Place status (quarantine and isolation remain the same), and additional updates to our quarantine time period. All other campus COVID 19 policies and expectations remain similar at this time including social distancing, mask requirements, guest restrictions, heightened cleaning protocols, and our commitment to a just and timely conduct review related to potential COVID 19 violations.

Please also review the important information on testing, self-quarantine, and our Acknowledge and Agreement that you must be aware and complete steps for prior to returning below:

**1. Return to Campus Testing:**

As a prerequisite for receiving your key or beginning classes as a commuter, you will be required to provide written proof of a negative COVID-19 test, with the collection date 7 days or fewer prior to returning to campus.

If you are bringing a negative COVID-19 test result have a hard copy (printed, not digital) with you upon arrival. These results must include the student's name, date of birth, provider name and date of test. ***It must also clearly indicate that it was a PCR test. Antigen or Rapid Tests will not be accepted.***

**Note:** *If you are scheduled to move in on January 24, the test must be taken on or after January 17. For move in on January 25, the test must be taken on or after January 18 and for move in on January 26, the test must be taken on after January 19. Commuter students will be tested on Thursday January 21, 2021 or Friday January 22, 2021. Additional information will be emailed to commuter students in the beginning of January with clear instructions.*

You should make every effort to be tested prior to arriving in Rindge; however, those who cannot will be required to take a COVID-19 test on campus. Those that are able to provide a test upon move in are permitted to engage with campus activities. As infection rates across the country are significantly more wide spread than when we returned in the Fall semester, students that are not able to test prior to arrival on campus, or who do not meet the testing requirements, will be required to Shelter in Place after being tested on campus and until a negative test result is returned. Students that receive a negative test result after on-campus testing will be asked to wear a wrist band that will signify their permission to be actively engaging in campus activities. This wristband will only need to be worn until the morning of Monday February 1st, 2021.

Any student who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days prior to return to campus will not be required to have a negative test before return, but must provide documentation that clearly outlines the date of their positive test and be approved by the Director of Health Services, Erica Peery, for return to campus. Any student who tests positive within 14 days prior to arrival on campus should contact Health Services and gain specific approval to return to campus. Until approval is received, you should not return to campus.

We have partnered with a new vendor for COVID testing, Broad Institute, for the spring semester, so all students will be required to complete a new testing consent form. Please have your [Consent Form](#) printed and completed upon arrival.

**This is not optional.**

**2. Self-quarantine prior to arrival on campus:**

We ask that all students self-quarantine at home for 10 days prior to coming to campus. Please limit all unnecessary contact with anyone outside of your immediate family and do not travel if possible. We expect that all students also wear a face mask and abide by social distancing guidelines when interaction with others is required during this period.

**3. Spring Questionnaire, Acknowledgement and Agreement:**

All students, commuter and residents, must review and complete [this document](#) by the deadline of January 15th, 2021 or they will not be permitted to attend classes or pick up their room key until it is completed.

**4. Spring Semester Remote Classes Update:**

We are in final conversations about what class modalities will be available in the spring of 2021. We are prepared for all classes to be in-person and have technology installed that will enable us to provide a robust remote experience as well. Students will receive steps to request remote learning access via their Franklin Pierce University email the week of January 4th, 2021.

**Please continue to check the [Ravens Return](#) section of the website often for additional updates.**

**If you have any questions about testing or self-quarantine, please contact Dean of Student Affairs [Andrew Pollom](#) or [Health Services](#).**

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