



Subject Line: REMINDER: Resident Student Return Plan & Dates for Spring 2021
Sent to All Resident Students: January 4, 2021

REMINDER – Please see the highlighted red additions.

Dear Medaille Resident Students and Families:

I hope this note finds you well and ready to enjoy the winter break. We continue to follow guidance from New York State and officials in Erie County and have proven that we are capable of delivering our classes and keeping our campus open. Through our own on-campus contact tracing and that of the County, there have been NO (zero) cases of transmission documented through classroom learning. This is because our students with the support of our faculty have embraced the importance of mask wearing and social distancing. Thank you for your continued diligence in this regard.

As Dr. Macur shared last week, we continue to plan for the Spring Semester. We realize that guidance is constantly changing and to that end, we want to convey the resident student return plan as of now. Remember, this is subject to change with changed guidance. However, we believe that the below will provide families a framework for planning.

Below is specific information related to resident student return dates, **new** testing requirements, and travel advisory quarantine. **Further information on specific arrival times and process will be forthcoming within one-week of your return dates (as noted below).**

RETURN DATES – Below details the return dates by specific populations. As with the fall, your arrival date will be based on your permanent address on file with the College. Given the pandemic demands, we will be strictly adhering to the below schedule and will not permit early or late arrivals. *Please plan accordingly now.*

Sunday, January 10, 2021

- All students that have already booked plane flights to Buffalo *prior* to receipt of this letter (who do not wish to change their itinerary to arrive January 19th) should plan to arrive. *Please also see the travel advisory quarantine and testing sections below.*

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

- All other students that are required to follow [New York State's COVID-19 Travel Advisory](#) should plan to arrive. As of now this is any student that does not reside in NY, NJ, VT, MA, CT, and PA. *Please also see the travel advisory quarantine and testing sections below.*

Monday, January 25, 2021

- All students that reside in NY, NJ, VT, MA, CT, and PA should plan to arrive. **You will be required to arrive to campus between the hours of 9am – 3pm for a rapid COVID-19 antigen test to be performed. Only those students that bring proof of a negative test within 7-10 days of arrival to campus AND who test negative upon arrival to campus will be permitted access to the residence halls.** *Please also see the testing section below.*

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – Instruction begins for all students.

NEW TESTING REQUIREMENTS – All resident students are *required* to test at home prior to arrival with either a PCR or rapid antigen test for COVID-19. See below for specific timeframes. Any domestic student that foresees an issue with securing a test, may contact the Wellness Center seven (7) days prior to arrival at (716) 880-2155 or by emailing healthservices@medaille.edu. The College will mail a test to your home address and charge your student account \$150 for the test and telehealth visit to administer the test. You then will be required to take the test to UPS for overnight delivery to the processing lab.

Students affected by the [NYS Travel Advisory Quarantine](#) (meaning your arrival date above to campus is January 10 or January 19)

- Students must obtain a test within three days of departure, prior to arrival in New York at the College. Students must bring proof that they tested (understanding that results may not be available yet).
- Students must, upon arrival in New York at the College, quarantine for three days in an assigned location in the North Residence Hall.
- On day 4 of your quarantine, the student will be administered a College COVID rapid test at no charge. At this time you must have received both your prior to arrival test results and your College COVID results. If both tests come back negative, you may exit quarantine given the two negative diagnostic tests.
- Please understand that the College will not be housing students who do not comply with the above College protocol. You cannot just quarantine on-campus for 14-days upon arrival.

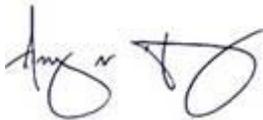
All other students (meaning your arrival date above to campus is January 25)

- Students must obtain a test within 7-10 days of departure, prior to arrival at the College. Students must bring the negative test results with them upon arrival. Upon arrival, the student will be administered a College COVID rapid test at no charge. Upon receipt of both negative test results, you will be allowed to move back into the residence halls.

Students will begin receiving more information after the New Year from Residence Life on the process of sharing your arrival date and testing results. I want to thank you for your patience and cooperation that has led to a successful fall semester and as we work to welcome you back for the spring semester. Over the next month, guidance from NYS may alter protocols and procedures, but we felt compelled to share our planning to date. Should you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out to Candice Cadena, Director of Residence Life, at (716) 880-2449 or Candice.M.Cadena@medaille.edu.

Please enjoy your winter break and we look forward to your return very soon.

Sincerely,



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