Return to Campus Testing for Domestic and International Travelers
(Faculty, Staff, and Students): Spring/Summer 2021

Domestic travel

- By July, rapid testing (results within 30 minutes) will be available on the Medford/Somerville, Boston, and Grafton campuses. Until the rapid test is available, standard PCR testing with an approximate turnaround time of 12 hours will be used. Please plan return from travel accordingly.
- If the rapid test result is negative (or the PCR test if rapid testing is unavailable), the returning traveler may resume normal campus activities immediately.
- If the returning traveler plans to be on campus within a week of their return, they are expected to receive a second test (standard PCR) between day 3 and 5 after return. This will count as their first weekly surveillance test. Otherwise, they will resume their weekly surveillance testing a week after return.

International travel

- All Tufts-related international travel must follow the current review process, including approval by the dean or division VP’s office and review by the International Travel Review Committee (ITRC) for students and by the Integrative Safety Committee (ISC) for research-related travel.
- All international travelers (personal and Tufts-related) must follow the return quarantine protocols according to their vaccination status.
- The steps below are for international travel only.
  - If fully vaccinated:
    - Follow all CDC requirements for entry into the United States, which may include obtaining a COVID test prior to entry into the United States.
    - Get tested before coming to campus and again 3-4 days later as outlined above. Per CDC, one of the tests should ideally fall 3-5 days after return to the United States.
    - Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.
    - Follow any other state or local requirements after travel.
  - If unvaccinated:
    - Per CDC guidance, individuals arriving from abroad who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 must test 3-5 days after travel and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if test result is negative.
    - If test result is positive, isolate to protect others from getting infected.
    - A negative test is required to come to campus after the 7-day quarantine.
    - Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, regardless of test result.
    - Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.
Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

Unvaccinated international students arriving for summer or fall courses

- Per CDC guidance, international arrivals who are not fully vaccinated must quarantine for 7 days, even if they have received a negative COVID test.
- Tufts will either provide unvaccinated students, faculty, or staff with a COVID-19 vaccine upon arrival or support them in registering with a State of Massachusetts vaccination site or at a local pharmacy.
- Once unvaccinated international arrivals clear quarantine, complete testing requirements, and receive their first dose of vaccine, they may participate in campus activities.