

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.