
Subject: Updated CDC guidance for international plane travelers
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Dear students-

The US Centers for Disease Control recently updated its recommendations for individuals traveling internationally by airplane during the COVID-19 pandemic. These new recommendations will be incorporated into the ROYAL RETURN FAQ's, but we wanted to bring this change to your attention as we realize this is most likely to affect international students.

IF YOU WILL BE TRAVELING INTERNATIONALLY BY PLANE to return to Queens/Charlotte for Spring semester, carefully read the information below and plan accordingly.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN THE US or WILL BE TRAVELING INTERNATIONALLY BY CAR, you will continue to follow the guidance for arrival outlined in the [Royal Return plan](#).

Students traveling internationally by plane to return for Spring semester, should follow the guidelines below. This information pertains to both students living on- and off-campus (residential* and commuter students).

As of December 2, 2020, the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending international air travelers follow updated [guidelines](#). We have incorporated the new CDC guidelines with our Royal Return plan as outlined in this email to help you understand exactly what to do to prepare for a safe return to campus.

Prior to travel

- Shelter-in-place for 14 days prior to coming to campus. (*"Shelter-in-place" = stay in a single location, check and report symptoms daily using the [daily symptom checker](#), and separate from others.*)
- Get tested 1-3 days before your flight. (this is a new CDC recommendation)
- Delay your travel if you have been tested and are waiting for test results.

During travel

- Wear a facemask
- Wash hands frequently
- Follow any requirements of local governments and airlines

Upon arrival

- Head directly to your place of residence.

- Wear a mask while transiting to your place of residence.
- Avoid contact with others.

After arrival

- Shelter-in-place for the 7 days after arriving in the US **and** get tested 3-5 days after travel. You will shelter-in-place for the full 7 days even if you receive a negative test result. (per new CDC recommendation) (*“Shelter-in-place” = stay in a single location, check and report symptoms daily using the [daily symptom checker](#), and separate from others. Residential students may leave their room to use shared bathrooms, collect meals from central drop-off locations if instructed by university officials, and participate in essential activities as directed by the university, such as testing. Wear a mask any time you leave your room.*)
- All students will be tested on-campus for COVID-19 before the start of the spring semester. We plan to time this to fall in the 3-5 day window recommended by the CDC. Details regarding testing will be provided prior to the start of the semester.
- Staff will be available by email, phone and virtual meetings should you need anything during your shelter-in-place.
- If your 7-day shelter-in-place extends into the start of classes (January 19, 2021), you should email studentsuccess@queens.edu to request assistance with accommodating remote participation in your classes for the first few days.

After 7 days

- If your test results are negative, after 7 days you may end your shelter-in-place.
- Continue to watch for [symptoms](#) for 14 days after travel.
- Face masks and daily symptom checks will continue to be required for all students, faculty and staff.
- Immediately [isolate](#) yourself if you develop symptoms, and [learn what to do if you are sick](#).

***ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTS-** *Your move-in day and time remains the same and does not change as a result of this guidance. For some of you, this may mean an adjustment to your housing assignment. Please continue to monitor your email for any updates. Meals will be available to-go (for takeaway) while you are completing your shelter-in-place in the residence halls. We recommend you pack sufficient clothes and supplies for this initial 7-day period.*

Please let us know if you have any questions as you prepare to return in January and we will do our best to answer them or help find the answers promptly. We look forward to having you all on campus in January!

Sincerely,

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