General Status - Quarantine
As of the date of this guidance, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is NOT recommending that colleges and universities isolate or quarantine students, faculty, or staff based on travel history alone. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the local health department are charged with decisions associated with risk assessment and the monitoring of patients with greater risk factors and development of any restrictions on their movement. [NYSDOH Commissioner’s Order on the Prevention and Control of Ebola Virus Disease and specifications thereof.](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/ebola/)

Campuses must consider the following in their preparedness planning:

**Identification and Risk Assessment**

Risk assessment parameters and protocols can be found in the NYSDOH Commissioner’s Order on the Prevention and Control of Ebola Virus Disease ([https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/ebola/docs/commissioner_order_2.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/ebola/docs/commissioner_order_2.pdf)).

It is anticipated that students, faculty or staff who return from affected countries and have had any contact with EVD patients or potentially infectious material will be subject to quarantine in accordance with the Commissioner’s Order. If faculty, staff, or students are placed in quarantine, or required to self-monitor with or without movement and activity restrictions, the campus should attempt to assist the student and the local health department when requested.

**Restricted/Controlled Movement**

Campuses will need to develop plans to address implications of potential restricted/controlled movement orders, in conjunction with the local health department.

If such an individual’s primary residence is in the local community, it is appropriate that quarantine occur at home rather than in any university facility. Conveyance of the individual to his/her home may be subject to local health department restrictions.

Each campus should develop a contingency plan for quarantine of any student, faculty, or staff member whose primary residence is outside of the immediate area and who normally resides on campus.

- A private apartment or house, preferably with a separate entrance, is appropriate.
- Food should be provided on site so the individual does not violate the terms of exclusion.
- Services such as broadband internet likewise are necessary to allow the individual to communicate with other students, faculty, or staff members and participate in academic or work activities.
- Faculty should be encouraged to develop alternative projects/modes of delivery to complete course work in event of a quarantine order (e.g., consideration of completion of work possibly online or via e-mail).