**SUNY Interim Guidance on Ebola Outbreak and International Travel**

This document updates and clarifies the Chancellor’s policy on restrictions for SUNY-supported travel to Ebola impacted regions. It also provides campuses with considerations for preparedness for international travelers.

**International Travel at SUNY**

In her letter of October 17, 2014, the Chancellor built on the Provost’s August 18th memo and the CDC’s recommendations against all non-essential travel to countries with CDC Level 3 travel notices by extending a ban on such travel supported by campus direct or related funding. This ban includes activities such as conferences and studies abroad, and remains in place.

The Chancellor’s letter does not apply to travel of faculty, staff, or students, for personal reasons, for deployment by the military or Public Health Service, or for service with a recognized humanitarian organization. These types of travel do not require SUNY funding, and ordinarily may require only limited SUNY approvals, but campus-related individuals planning or engaging in such travel should notify their campus supervisors or contacts in advance and upon return.

Entry onto SUNY campuses or into SUNY programs by travelers from the affected countries is not prohibited, but such travelers must fully comply with any monitoring and restrictions imposed by public health authorities, particularly the New York State Department of Health and the local health department. Campuses are advised to be prepared to assist the traveler and public health authorities in offering reasonable accommodations during periods of quarantine or movement and activity restrictions.

The October letter did not provide a mechanism for applying for an exemption to the SUNY-supported travel ban, and we have received no such requests to date. However, it is conceivable that as the Ebola crisis evolves and the response of the United States and the State of New York evolve, that exemptions from the policy may be reasonable in certain limited situations. Should such a situation be suggested, campuses are advised to involve the appropriate senior staff to contact the Chair of the Chancellor’s Ebola Working Group to engage in such discussions.

**Campus Preparedness Actions**

While other travel to affected areas continues, campuses must continue to work to identify potential travelers from affected areas and assure that they have appropriate support.

- Campus officials should engage with the local health department to reasonably accommodate students who are under quarantine or restricted activity or movement orders.
- Specified offices should contact these travelers to assure that the travelers fully understand any public health authority restrictions on their movement or activities, and that they have appropriate contact information should they become ill during the quarantine period.
- Campuses should plan for the potential need for special temporary housing needs, as well as special temporary student services and academic accommodations.

Campuses must provide continual, effective communication regarding Ebola to their campus community. Campuses are charged with providing continued communication on Ebola generally, and information on specific campus procedures for managing the Ebola crisis at the local level.

Campuses must continue to comply with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), and local public health authorities.