Surveillance Testing

Supplemental Academic Continuity and the Health and Safety of Students, Faculty, and Staff Policy for the Spring Term 2021

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For the purpose of this supplemental policy relating specifically to surveillance testing Campus shall mean the 29 State-operated campuses, the 30 community colleges operating under the program of the State University of New York, and the five statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University, respectively.

The Academic Continuity and the Health and Safety of Students, Faculty, and Staff Policy for Winter and Spring Terms 2021 (Released November 2020 and Revised on December 8, 2020) is modified as follows (underlined is new, strikethrough is eliminated):

Application
The second paragraph is amended to state:
For the purpose of the policy, Campus generally shall mean the 29 State-operated campuses and 30 community colleges operating under the program of the State University of New York. However, the five statutory colleges must follow surveillance testing directives. The individual Campus plans should be done in collaboration with the Campus community.

Additional Surveillance Testing
Paragraph 1C(iii) is amended to state:

Campuses must resume surveillance testing as soon as students return to campus, pursuant to the individual campus testing plans incorporated into the campus reopening plans and SUNY’s Mandatory COVID-19 Testing Program as announced on September 4, 2020. For the Spring 2021 semester campuses shall test, on at least a weekly basis, 100 percent of all students, faculty, and staff who live on campus and/or plan to be on campus regularly (including instruction, co-curricular activities, and meetings) shall be tested regularly. Those who have had a positive PCR test should not participate in surveillance testing for 90 days from the date of their positive test. Upon conclusion of the 90 days, they should be included in regular surveillance testing per the campus plan. Vaccine recipients shall also be included in surveillance testing.