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Dear graduate students,

This message contains time-sensitive updates to information about returning to campus in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Graduate School staff using the 'Ask the Dean' button below. Please remember to take excellent care of yourselves and follow the COVID-19 health protocols. As you know, the numbers in Connecticut are low and fairly stable but there has been a resurgence in cases around the world, so the pandemic is not nearly over yet.

With best wishes for your health and success,
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Yale COVID-19 info for graduate students

The University's [COVID-19 web portal](#) is updated frequently with guidance about all things related to the pandemic and coming to campus: [Health and safety guidelines](#).

You can also find FAQs for graduate students and important messages from the Dean and other University leaders [on the GSAS website](#)

Quarantine and testing

Before/upon arrival on campus (New Haven)

Please schedule your on-arrival test between now and the start of the semester through the [Yale COVID-19 Screening Program](#).

Testing appointments are currently available now through August 21, Monday- Friday, 8 am - 5 pm. If you are already on campus or in the New Haven area, you are encouraged to schedule now.

Additional times will be made available later.

Individuals with positive test results will be contacted by Yale Health and required to self-isolate. It is also recommended that you sign up for a MyChart account for [online access to all of your medical information](#) including lab and radiologic results. We also recommend downloading the app ([App Store](#) and [Google Play](#)).

You can find [the latest pre-arrival health and safety guidelines](#) on the Yale COVID-19 site.

If you have questions, please call the Campus COVID Resource Line

(203-432-6604).

Arriving from another country or US state

If you're coming to New Haven from one of the US states included in the [State of Connecticut Travel Advisory](#) you must complete a Connecticut [Travel Health Form](#) online and **quarantine for a total of 14-days upon arrival, regardless of test results**. Not completing the form or not observing the quarantine restrictions may result in a \$1,000 fine from the State of Connecticut.

Please see Governor Ned Lamont's [Executive Order No. 7III](#) on the Connecticut State website regarding state-to-state travel restrictions.

Please see the [CDC webpage](#) listing the countries from which international travelers to the U.S. are currently prohibited.

For healthcare students only: per the [State of CT Travel Advisory](#), health care students including medical, nursing or physician associate arriving from affected states, are NOT required to quarantine for 14 days on arrival. These students living in Harkness or Helen Hadley Hall should follow the guidance above to ensure appropriate screening: test on arrival, quarantine until negative, then proceed with twice weekly testing.

If you have questions, please contact the [COVID Campus Resource Line](#), which is staffed by health care professionals, at 203-432-6604 (toll free at 866-924-9253). Available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Eastern time), 7 days a week.

How to Quarantine

If your state is listed in the CT Travel Advisory or you have had a positive COVID-19 test, you must self-quarantine. This means staying in place, either at home or elsewhere, for fourteen days because you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Please see this additional helpful guidance for [how to quarantine effectively](#) at home alone, with roommates, or family members.

Ongoing screening

Students in high-density dormitory housing (Helen Hadley Hall and Harkness Hall) are required to be tested twice per week throughout the semester.

Students who do not live in high-density dormitory housing may obtain subsequent testing on a voluntary basis through the [Yale COVID-19 Screening Program](#), up to once a week, especially if there are concerns about exposure.

Testing is important, but prevention of COVID-19 transmission depends on all members of the campus committing to following [health and safety guidelines](#) and setting an example for their peers.

Students who have questions about the advisability and frequency of additional asymptomatic testing may call the [COVID Campus Resource Line](#), which is staffed by health care professionals, at 203-432-6604 (toll free at 866-924-9253). Available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Eastern time), 7 days a week.

Pre-registration

[Pre-registration is available from August 10-21](#). Please go to the [Academic Requirements page](#) on the GSAS website for further information about registration and courses.

Not returning to campus this Fall?

Master's and Ph.D. students who are not able to come to campus in time for the beginning of the semester due to health or travel restrictions may take classes remotely for the fall term.

Please register using the [pre-registration guidance](#) on the GSAS website.

Read more about [GSAS policies for Fall 2020](#) here.

International and domestic research *in absentia*

If you have advanced to candidacy, are no longer taking classes, and are continuing research away from New Haven, we encourage you to register *in absentia*.

If you will reside in the continental US, outside of Connecticut, while registered in absentia, you should consider applying for the [travel rider](#), which provides additional health services. The travel rider application is now open through August 15th.

Students who are living abroad should consult the [International SOS Global Travel Assistance website](#) for information about health care coverage.

**To bring other questions and issues to the Dean's attention,
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[Ask the Dean](#)



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