

COVID-19 Travel Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)

Given the current high burden of COVID-19 in Chicago and Illinois, students arriving to IHE campuses from high-incidence states should plan to follow the Emergency Travel Order as follows:

For those coming from Red states

1. Quarantine for 2 weeks prior to coming to Chicago/campus with a method of documenting adherence and provide documentation of a negative diagnostic test (i.e., antibody tests not acceptable) taken within 72 hours prior to or, if the IHE can provide or arrange for testing, within 72 hours after arrival to Chicago/campus. If test results are pending on arrival in Chicago, the student must quarantine until they can show documentation of their test result; OR
2. Quarantine for 2 weeks after arrival to Chicago/campus; OR
3. Quarantine at home for 1 week prior to coming to Chicago/campus with a method of documenting adherence, followed by:
 1. A negative diagnostic test taken within 72 hours prior to or, if the IHE can provide or arrange for testing, within 72 hours after arrival on campus; AND
 2. Quarantine for another week in Chicago/on campus.

For those coming from Orange states

1. Quarantine for 2 weeks after arrival to Chicago/campus; OR
2. Provide documentation of a pre-arrival negative diagnostic test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival, or if IHEs can provide or arrange for testing, within 72 hours after arrival on campus. If tests results are pending on arrival in Chicago, the student must quarantine until they can show documentation of their negative test result. Strict masking, social distancing and avoidance of in-person gatherings (excluding going to class) must be adhered to by students choosing this option.

Parents from high-incidence states who accompany students to campus to assist with move-in should have documentation of a negative result from a diagnostic test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival in Chicago (antibody tests not acceptable). In addition, parents from Red states should quarantine during their stay, avoid all public settings, and limit exposures to others outside of the scheduled move-in time.

Parents from high-incidence states visiting Chicago for a reason other than to assist their child with move-in must follow the same guidelines as anyone else traveling inbound to Chicago from Orange or Red states under the new order.