

Sterling College

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November 14, 2020

Dear Sterling Community Members,

[Governor Scott announced](#) new state-wide COVID-19 restrictions. There are two specific new restrictions that directly affect our student body:

- Multi-household gatherings — indoor or outdoor, in public or private spaces — are prohibited. **This means Expedition II students may not travel to visit family or friends for the November holiday weekend.**
- All students who are returning home from a college or university, in-state or out of state, shall quarantine at home for fourteen days, with a test for COVID-19 strongly encouraged, or quarantine for no less than seven (7) days at which time they must be tested for COVID-19.

In response to the surge of COVID-19 cases in Vermont, Sterling, like other colleges and universities, must take further precautions during the final week of in-person instruction on campus.

Effective 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, the College will implement a mandatory, campus-wide quarantine for residential students. The campus-wide quarantine will remain in effect for the remainder of the semester.

- Current on-campus classes, services, and room capacities will be maintained. If local health conditions worsen, we will consider further restrictions and communicate any new expectations.
- All multi-pod activities and group gatherings - indoor or outdoor, in public or private spaces - are prohibited
- For commuter students and employees, we advise only essential travel outside of school or work.

- Students requesting permission to leave and return to campus for essential or urgent matters, such as medical appointments or COVID-19 testing appointments, must email and receive approval from Favor Ellis or Megan Banner.

Please be in touch with [Favor](#) or [Megan Banner](#) if you have questions or need support. If you have any medical need, contact [Clare Dolan](#).

It is critically important that we all honor our commitment to care for each other and ourselves by wearing masks and social distancing, and by avoiding any gathering or interaction that does not adhere to these guidelines. This is the work we must do.

Sincerely,

Matthew Derr
President & Faculty