I have to travel out of New Haven, should I inform SOM about this?

The university strongly urges graduate and professional students to limit their travel outside Connecticut. Residential master's students who intend to be on campus must notify their school prior to out-of-state travel by completing the Travel Notification Form and sending it to som.hsl@yale.edu; this requirement applies regardless of the student’s vaccination status.

Yale community members who travel outside Connecticut and do not intend to be on campus should follow Connecticut’s travel advisory.

I’m a member of the Class of 2021. Has my health plan coverage been impacted by COVID-19?

The Yale Health website has the latest information about student health coverage.

Can I be reimbursed for COVID-19 tests while outside of Connecticut?

If you are in Connecticut, you must continue to use the university testing sites as you have been - tests within Connecticut, outside of Yale Health, will not be covered. If you are outside of Connecticut:

1. Please refer to Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19 for free testing locations near you.
2. If you are unable to find free testing, you may get tested at any testing center and submit your receipt to your own health insurance carrier or, if your insurance carrier does not provide coverage, to Yale for reimbursement of up to $120.
3. If you submit your receipt to Yale, you should complete this form, and return it by mail or send it electronically to yhclaims@yale.edu to receive your reimbursement.

If I am coming from out of state, or overseas, will I need to quarantine?

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- As of April 9, 2021, Yale no longer requires fully vaccinated faculty, staff, and students to test or quarantine upon arrival in Connecticut from domestic travel prior to coming to campus. For fully vaccinated faculty, staff, and students coming from outside the United States, consistent with CDC guidance and the state advisory, Yale requires testing three to five days after travel and isolation if that test is positive prior to coming to campus. View full guidelines here.
- Anyone who is not vaccinated and who has traveled outside of Connecticut in any state or country and who intends to be or is required to be on campus within 14 days of their arrival in Connecticut must either quarantine for 10 days or obtain a test on their first full day in Connecticut (day number one) and a second test no sooner than four days later (day number five) and quarantine in their residence until negative results are received for both tests. View full requirements here.

University requirements and Connecticut guidance may change further as public health and safety circumstances continue to evolve. For the most up-to-date requirements, check the Yale Travel Guidelines webpage often.

What are the COVID testing requirements for grad students?

All students arriving on campus or already on campus must have a viral (PCR) test through the Yale COVID-19 screening program prior to the start of the spring semester. Students should schedule their tests through the Yale COVID Screening Program. Students who are arriving in New Haven within 14 days of the start of classes, must observe the quarantine guidelines, which require two negative COVID tests. The first test should be on the first full day after arrival, and the second no less than 4 days following the first, while quarantining until both negative results are obtained. Students who have been in New Haven for more than 14 days require only one negative gateway test before the start of classes.

Students attending in-person classes must also participate in weekly COVID testing through the Yale COVID-19 Screening Program, keeping to the same day of the week to the greatest extent possible.

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

If you had a pre-arrival COVID test done, you may submit for reimbursement using this form. If you have any specific questions about your reimbursement, please contact yhclaims@yale.edu.
If I have already received the vaccine, am I exempt from gateway and weekly testing?

At this time, no, getting the vaccine doesn’t exempt individuals from either gateway (on-arrival) or routine testing, or from expectations that they’ll participate in contact tracing if called. Please refer to https://covid19.yale.edu/health/covid-19-vaccine-information

Are (non-married and/or not on the Yale Health plan) partners able to get tested through Yale Health? If not, what are their options for testing locally?

If your legally married spouse or civil union partner is covered by your Yale Health plan as your dependent, they can request to be tested for COVID-19 at Yale Health. If your partner is not your legally married spouse or civil union partner, or they are not covered by your Yale Health plan as your dependent, they cannot be tested for COVID-19 at Yale Health. An option to be tested for COVID-19 locally is to use CVS MinuteClinic.

When should I wear PPE?

Evans Hall requires students to wear a face mask when inside the building at all times, as you will agree to in the Community Compact.

Yale University also outlines the University’s guidelines for this on campus: https://covid19.yale.edu/health-safety-guidelines

Can I have visitors?

Visitors to SOM students are not permitted to access any part of Yale University. If a visitor is coming from one the State of CT quarantine states, or from overseas, and staying with a student, the student must quarantine along with the visitor for two weeks, or until both the visitor and the student have two negative COVID tests at least 5 days apart (starting on the first full day of their arrival).

Where can I find mental health resources?

The Wellness Resource can serve as a one stop shop for mental health and wellness resources, including managing anxiety during a pandemic, mindfulness practices, etc.

- Yale Mental Health & Counseling Services: 203-432-0290
- Yale Health Mental Health & Counseling Website: A web-based guide to wellness information, resources, and opportunities for all students at Yale