

2021 Return to Campus Plan

Sauk Valley Community College is committed to a measured, science-based approach to returning to campus. In December 2020, the College adopted a set of guiding principles to indicate how campus operations will look in normal post-COVID times. Based on current trends and the availability of regular, fast and accurate testing, the beginning of the fall 2021 semester is the target for a return to post-COVID campus course offering and staffing levels.

Post-COVID Guiding Principles

- Most of us will take part in a mix of virtual and in-person services, which will ensure our skills remain sharp and we remain available to students, staff, faculty, and the community.
- Typically, at any given time, 75-80% of us will be on-campus performing a mix of in-person and virtual services.
- Departments will strive to handle both in-person and virtual services at peak times.
- Supervisors will use their discretion to schedule for virtual vs. in-person services and on-campus vs off-campus work.

Mitigations

The current mitigations like mask-wearing and social distancing will continue. Required COVID-19 testing and compliance with mitigations will continue to be required regardless of the phase of the Return to Campus Plan or vaccination status.

Return to Campus Timeline

- March 29 Weekly COVID-19 saliva testing (available cost-free in Dillon Mall) will be required for all College employees regularly on campus. Exceptions will be granted for a documented medical disability. More information on testing is available at svcc.edu/covid19/testing.html.
- April 5 Select course sections will have increased on-campus instruction available.
- April 19 Employees may be required to return to campus (except for a documented medical accommodation through Human Resources).
All departments should begin to have a scheduled weekly presence on campus. Some areas may have more days/hours on campus than others. Departmental hours will be published at svcc.edu/covid19.
- June 7 Departments should begin to have a scheduled daily presence (Monday-Thursday) on campus. Departmental hours will be published at svcc.edu/covid19.
Any instructors who wish to teach a synchronous class on campus may do so, and students in those courses will be given the option to attend in person or remotely. Office hours may be held remotely or on campus.
- August 9 Departments should be at post-COVID on-campus staffing levels.
On-campus instruction will be available for classes that have traditionally been held on campus. Many classes will have a hybrid or flexible model that allows for a mix of on-campus, synchronous, and/or asynchronous instruction.