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Dear Students,

I hope this note finds you well and strong, enjoying summer as much as is possible and looking forward to the fall semester at the College of Law. I look forward to seeing all of you, whether in person or online. To be sure, the New York State quarantine mandates designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 are significantly impacting your return to Syracuse and Dineen Hall.

As you know, these [mandates](#) apply to students coming into New York from “hot spot” states where COVID-19 infection rates are high. Currently, these states are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. The [list](#) could change in the days ahead with additional hot spots identified or removed. Please be sure to check it often.

Students coming to Syracuse from “hot spot” states or from outside the U.S. are [required to self-quarantine for 14 days](#). The quarantine period also applies to students arriving from outside the United States. **To satisfy the quarantine requirement, [you must quarantine in the State of New York](#).** As a result:

- If you will be arriving to Syracuse from a “hot spot” state or from outside the U.S. and you plan to attend classes in person from the start, on August 19, you must arrive in the State of New York and self-quarantine by August 5. For first-year students or current students assisting with Orientation, if you plan to attend Orientation in person, starting on August 17, you must arrive in the State of New York and self-quarantine by August 3.
- If you are not able to complete the quarantine period before the start of classes or Orientation, please plan to complete the quarantine period from your Syracuse home, during which time you will be able and expected to attend classes live, on Zoom.
- For our first-year law students: you will also have the option of attending all components of Orientation remotely. Please plan to do so if you are not able to meet quarantine requirements applicable to you before the start of the program.

Syracuse University continues to engage with New York officials—alongside many of our peer colleges and universities statewide—to advocate for safe alternatives to the existing 14-day self-quarantine requirement. If such an alternative is proposed by New York State, we will quickly communicate that alternative to you.

However, at this time we will continue our planning and preparation operating under the

assumption that all students traveling from the aforementioned states, as well as all students from outside the United States, must comply with the current 14-day self-quarantine requirement.

Please visit our [law preparedness page](#), including the [FAQs on the Path to Fall 2020](#) and specifically our new [Checklist for the Start of the Fall Semester](#), to help you as you navigate the many logistical steps toward the start of the academic year and for daily updates on our plans for a strong fall semester. Remember to send your new questions to [LawPreparedness@law.syr.edu](mailto:LawPreparedness@law.syr.edu).

I know these times are extraordinarily challenging. We will get through them, together.

Best regards,

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