



GSBS Travel/COVID Testing Policy Effective Fall 2020

In order to maintain a safe and COVID-free community, the following policy and testing protocol will apply to all GSBS students on the Boston campus. Students on other campuses will need to follow that location's policy and procedure.

Staying local and avoiding travel is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Travel is only recommended in emergency situations which require or are best managed with in-person attendance, or other circumstances where you are absolutely needed. While we understand that travel for other events (family reunions, vacations, holidays, a friend's wedding) may be very important, it is not truly essential during a pandemic. Additionally, you should consider your mode of transportation (air travel vs. car for example) as well as what you will be doing at your destination; visiting a few close friends/family is considerably safer than engaging in a group gathering with others who have traveled. Regardless of the destination, activity or mode of transportation, be sure to maintain all safety measures, including proper social distancing, frequent hand hygiene and wearing high-quality masks.

If travel is necessary, please consult the [Massachusetts Travel Policy](#) and the [CDC Travel Guidelines](#), both updated regularly. Travelers should also consult with the [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Dashboard](#) for the latest on the prevalence of COVID-19 for their destination.

Testing/Quarantine: Please notify the Dean's Office (gsbs@tufts.edu) of the dates when you will be traveling out of the region. Upon your return, you will be required to have two negative COVID tests through the Tufts-Boston Testing Center. The first test can be the day you return and the second no earlier than 5 days after the first. You must quarantine from campus/labs (except for testing) and from fellow students until you receive the second negative test result. After the second negative test, you may return to the lab.

The GSBS policy is in accordance with [Tufts University policy](#), and local, state and federal guidelines. This policy may be modified as these guidelines or policies change.