

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Frequently Asked Questions

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

What are the new health and safety guidelines Tilton is implementing to ensure a safe reopening of school this fall?

Tilton has been working with organizations across New England in order to ensure that our campus has a comprehensive plan to maximize the health of Tilton students on campus this year.

Our plans include:

- Test all students for COVID upon arrival to campus
- maximize single rooms for boarding students
- increase cleaning schedules
- increase dining hours, and ensure social distancing during meals
- create one-way traffic patterns throughout the campus
- limit class sizes

Will students and faculty need to wear masks?

Yes. We will require our students and colleagues to wear face masks. Students should bring several masks they feel comfortable wearing for long periods of time and that can be laundered after each use.

Should students get tested for COVID19 before coming to campus?

Yes. We will ask all students to get tested approximately seven days before traveling to campus. If a student tests positive for COVID19, they should remain at home until they are well.

What are the quarantine expectations when arriving on campus?

Students traveling to campus from outside of New England will be asked to arrive fourteen days before orientation as part of a State of New Hampshire required quarantine period. These students will be completing quarantine on Tilton School's campus.

If a student has tested positive for COVID19, while on campus, what is the procedure for medical treatment? Will Tilton take any action to screen and prevent contacted peers from infecting others?

Tilton's health department will care for any student who has tested positive for COVID, and contact tracing will locate anyone who was in close contact with that student. Quarantine and isolation policies are planned, and we have a dedicated space for COVID patients in our on-campus health center. We have two hospitals near our school if needed. Unfortunately, there is no cure for Covid-19, but we hope there will be several approved treatments by fall.

Will the health insurance program cover the cost of testing and illness?

COVID-19 treatment is covered under the student health insurance plan and treated as “any other sickness” with no separate limits, co-pays, or fees. COVID-19 testing expenses are currently covered for symptomatic (ill) patients, but there may be additional costs for testing healthy students upon arrival to campus. Details for the health forms and insurance can be found on [this page](#) on the website.

Where do students send healthcare information?

Medical forms can be completed via [Magnus Health](#). You should have received an email with login information. If you did not receive that email or have questions, please contact the Health Center at healthcenter@tiltonschool.org.

TRAVEL, I20 AND VISA

If I am able to arrive early, can I stay on campus?

Yes. Tilton is ready to host students who are stateside, or who have a current visa and are able to travel. There is no extra fee for this service. To learn more about this program please visit our [special webpage](#).

How will I get to campus?

We will provide transportation services from Boston Logan Airport. Please contact us with your travel plans so we can arrange for a pickup. We will provide special transportation options to support the safety of student travelers.

Is my VISA and I20 still valid?

Yes. All current I20s and VISAs remain valid. As borders open and conditions change, we will need to update the student SEVIS records. The recent regulations require that we update the status changes for I20s for this fall by August 4, 2020. Student tuition payment plans must be up to date in order to have an initial or active status in SEVIS for I20 and VISA compliance standards.

Will my VISA or I20 need to be changed if I arrive late to campus?

Yes. If you anticipate a late arrival to campus please contact admissions@tiltonschool.org so we can keep your I20 active and up to date.

Can I still enroll in classes if my VISA is delayed?

If your tuition is paid, you may participate in virtual learning as you wait for your VISA appointment. New students should email with admissions once a VISA appointment has been made so we can update your entry date and your initial status in SEVIS for your I20.

If a student is flying out from China to the States, does he/she need to stay in a third country for two weeks before entering the United States?

We do not advise on a particular strategy for arrival to the US. Arrival plans are the responsibility of the family. We plan for students to quarantine when they arrive on the Tilton campus.

ACADEMIC

When will classes start?

September 7 is currently planned as our first day of class.

If travel restrictions require me to learn virtually, what will my remote schedule look like?

The new schedule features evening classes for families in Europe and Asia. We have included personalized learning sessions for 1:1 or small group sessions. All classes will be available via Zoom and recordings will be available (for asynchronous learning) in Google Classroom. Virtual learning students are expected to attend at least two out of each three class meetings synchronously, via Zoom.

Sample schedules:

EUROPEAN TIME ZONE SCHEDULE

Week #1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Personalized Learning Session: Block C	Personalized Learning Session: Block F	Personalized Learning Session: Block I	Personalized Learning Session: Block B	Personalized Learning Session: Block E
2:00 p.m.	A	D	G	J	C
4:05 p.m.	B	E	H	A	D
7:00 p.m.	C	F	I	B	E
8:00 p.m.	School Meeting				

Week #2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Personalized Learning Session: Block H	Personalized Learning Session: Block A	Personalized Learning Session: Block D	Personalized Learning Session: Block G	Personalized Learning Session: Block J
2:00 p.m.	F	I	B	E	H
4:05 p.m.	G	J	C	F	I

7:00 p.m.	H	A	D	G	J
8:00 p.m.	School Meeting				

BEIJING TIME ZONE

Week #1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Personalized Learning Session: Block C	Personalized Learning Session: Block F	Personalized Learning Session: Block I	Personalized Learning Session: Block B	Personalized Learning Session: Block E
8:00-9:50 p.m.	A	D	G	J	C
10:05-11:55p.m.	B	E	H	A	D
8:00 p.m.	School Mtg (recorded)				

Week #2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Personalized Learning Session: Block H	Personalized Learning Session: Block A	Personalized Learning Session: Block D	Personalized Learning Session: Block G	Personalized Learning Session: Block J
8:00-9:50 p.m.	F	I	B	E	H
10:05-11:55p.m.	G	J	C	F	I
8:00p.m.	School Meeting				

Can we take a Gap year?

We do not allow students to take gap years while enrolled at Tilton. An alternative to a gap year program is to change grade level status, which allows students to repeat a year, extending their Tilton experience and providing a more competitive transcript for college/university application. Students and families seeking this option should contact Mike Landroche at mlandroche@tiltonschool.org.

How will Tilton support English language development?

We are considering the addition of regularly scheduled conversational English opportunities to help support English language development.

What happens if I am unable to return home during breaks? Will Tilton support students with housing and food during breaks?

Tilton will remain open during all holidays and breaks to support students who are unable to return home or to a state-side guardian. During breaks two meals will be

provided as well as a staff member completing day and evening check-ins. There is no additional charge for this service.

Is it ok to take online classes during the first semester and return to campus the second semester?

Students need to make travel arrangements as soon as possible. The online classes are only available as an emergency alternative for families struggling to arrive on campus. The campus is open early to international families starting August 15th.

What will happen with the SAT/ACT?

The August SAT has been moved to September 26th on campus. All other standardized testing announcements will be shared in the coming weeks.

FINANCIAL

Will there be a tuition credit if a student is not able to travel to campus?

Yes. We will maintain dormitory rooms in anticipation of student arrivals, but we can provide a tuition rebate for other costs such as dining services. Rebates are prorated based on financial assistance and date of arrival.

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