



**We recognize that families have many questions about how the return to campus in January 2021 will go, and what life may look like as students come back to Solebury. Please see below for answers to these questions, and don't hesitate to email Sasha Skulsky, Dean of Residence Life or Leila Crooks, Director of Health Services, if you have more questions!**

### **What is the process for my boarder to return to campus?**

Boarders who must use mass transportation to return to campus or cannot drive directly to campus must complete a 14-day quarantine at Solebury School. If families do not want their student to quarantine on-campus or if on-campus quarantine spaces are full then boarders can quarantine at a local family member's house, a hotel, or a local rental. Students who can drive directly from their home or a relative's home must complete a 14-day at-home quarantine before returning to campus. All students must have a negative PCR test within 72 hours of returning to campus. Test results should be emailed to [nurses@solebury.org](mailto:nurses@solebury.org).

### **When should boarders return to campus?**

Students who are quarantining at Solebury must coordinate their return with Sasha Skulsky, and should plan to return on January 3 or 4, 2021. We have limited beds for on-campus quarantines and cannot guarantee on-demand availability, so please coordinate your student's arrival with Sasha Skulsky by December 28.

Students quarantining at home should return on January 17 or 18, 2021 after completing a 14-day at-home quarantine. All returning students must be on campus by 2pm on Monday, January 18. Please coordinate the date and time of your return with Sasha Skulsky by December 30.

### **What are the details of the at-home quarantine?**

While your student is quarantining, they must remain at-home and away from others as much as possible. You should treat your quarantining student as if they have been exposed to COVID-19—please see [this page](#) for advice from the CDC. Your student may go outside for walks and exercise but should wear a mask any time they may encounter someone in their activities. If there is anyone in your household who is at risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to their job or any other activity, your student should isolate from them as much as possible.

During the at-home quarantine please monitor your student's health and temperature daily. Your student will complete daily wellness checks and submit their results using the REACH app.

**What if a boarder does not want to return to the dorm for the time being?**

We hope all boarding students return to campus for an enriching and active winter trimester. If your boarder wishes to remain at home or if you would like to schedule an individual meeting, please contact Sasha Skulsky by December 30.

**I am a parent or guardian dropping off my boarder, can I enter the dorm or other buildings?**

Parents and guardians are not permitted to enter the dorms at this time. This is for the safety of the other boarding students and due to the PA restrictions regarding travel. Bathrooms are available in the Quiet Lounge and accessible via the main entrance of the Barn Theater.

**How will testing be utilized for students on campus?**

All boarders returning to campus will be tested on January 17 or 18. Throughout the winter trimester, we will complete surveillance testing each week.

We will be using GENETWORx to process PCR diagnostic nasal swab tests. 25% of the on-campus community will be tested weekly. If a student tests positive, they will be placed in an isolation unit for monitoring until they can go home, or remain there until released from isolation by the Bucks County Department of Health.

**What will boarding life be like for the first several days on campus?**

Boarders will mainly be in their rooms until the results of the testing completed on January 17 and 18 are received. After that, students will attend their classes remotely in the Abbe classrooms. Boarders will remain in their rooms for study hall. The Solebury Study Lounge, a virtual study hall, will be available Monday-Thursday evening. The activities will be remote for the first few days on campus, and eventually transition to in-person activities. Students will eat their meals together in the dining hall.

**What will change after boarding students have two negative PCR tests?**

In-person activities will include opportunities to work out in the gym and utilize the resources on campus. Students will engage nightly with their dorm parents, many of whom are also their teachers. For several students, study hall will take place outside of the dorm with an on-campus faculty member. The great conversations and connections that happen in boarding school will still be there! Weekend activities will have more of an in-person focus so the engaging and creative on-campus activities will continue. Virtual activities including the whole school community will be offered as well.

**What does the weekly schedule look like in terms of classes and social offerings?**

There are many opportunities for community activities and social interaction in addition to the academic schedule. Athletics and after-school activities will continue and virtual community activities such as cooking, mindfulness, Kahoot!, Among Us, and more will be hosted by faculty, staff, and students. A working draft schedule can be [found here](#).

**What academic supports are provided for boarding students during the winter trimester?**

Study hall will continue Sunday-Thursday evenings. Every boarding student will go to the Abbe Building for their classes. Art rooms will be available for boarding students enrolled in Arts classes. The library will be open during the academic day for students as an additional study space.

**Can family members or guardians visit students on-campus?**

Right now, no visitation is permitted. Family members or guardians may drop off items on the table in front of the Barn Theater for students, but unfortunately, there should be no interaction with students.

**Can boarding students leave campus for medical appointments?**

We ask that all routine medical appointments for the winter trimester take place before boarders return to campus. Students will only leave campus for medical emergencies.

**Can boarding students go home for medical appointments?**

Students may only leave campus for medical emergencies. If parents/guardians have a medical concern that needs to be discussed, please contact [nurses@solebury.org](mailto:nurses@solebury.org).

**Should boarders bring anything additional with them to campus?**

We are suggesting boarders bring disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer. We will also provide these items. To minimize the risk of community spread, it is imperative that students wipe down all surfaces before and after use.

**What COVID-19 protocols do students need to follow?**

It continues to be imperative that everyone complies with our and the state of Pennsylvania's COVID-19 protocols, including the [updated mask mandate](#). All boarders and their parents/guardians must initial and sign our [Solebury School Community Commitment](#) and return it to Sasha Skulsky before returning to campus.

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