

## **Criteria for NMT Students Intending to Leave New Mexico and Return to Campus During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Please help New Mexico Tech protect the health of our campus and local community by avoiding all but the most necessary out of state travel. We understand that emergency situations happen, and are here to support you and help you make the best decision for you. Travel may negatively impact your education or employment. It is important to communication with your instructors and supervisor BEFORE you travel out-of-state. Your adherences to the rules below are important to helping us keep offering on-campus courses and extracurricular activities.

### **Travel Notices:**

- In accordance with the Governor's [Executive Order 2020-056](#) and its associated amendments, New Mexico Tech (NMT) has implemented associated procedures related to business travel – both internationally and out-of-state.
- NMT discourages everyone from traveling out of state for personal business/pleasure. Otherwise, with a few exceptions outlined by the Governor's [Executive Order 2020-056](#) (Section 3, page 3), those individuals returning to the State of New Mexico must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- On September 13, 2020, there was an [Executive Order 2020-063](#) amending the mandatory quarantine for individuals arriving into the state of New Mexico, exempting travelers and residents arriving from states with lower COVID-positivity rates while retaining the 14-day quarantine requirement for those arriving from high-risk states. A copy of the executive order can be also found on [Tech's COVID-19 Information website](#). There will be weekly update on various state classifications and the quarantine requirement on [cv.nmhealth.org](http://cv.nmhealth.org).

### **ALL on-campus students and student employees (e.g. TAs, Resident Assistants, etc.) who plan to travel outside of NM for any reasons must:**

- At least 24-hours prior to the planned departure notify Tech of their intended plans by going to the [Dean of Students website](#) and completing, saving, and submitting the [Student Notification Form for Leaving New Mexico and Returning to Campus](#) to [deanofstudents@nmt.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@nmt.edu).
- Notify their on-campus/face-to-face (F2F) faculty members (including TAs) of their needed 14-day self-isolation upon their return. While these students are on the [Dean of Students website](#), they should also download, complete, save, and submit this information will be shared with the student's instructors and verify the need for self-isolation and time frame of the absences. Please be advised that students are responsible of any missed school work and it is up to the discretion of the faculty member to extend deadlines or accept any missed work or make-up exams/quizzes during the travel or self-isolation period (see your class syllabus for additional related details).
- Notify their supervisor if you work on-campus and determine if the travel or the self-quarantine period will impact your employment status.
- Self-quarantine for at least 14-days upon return from a high-risk state and be symptom-free before returning to campus or community. In addition, individuals who can show documentation of a valid negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours before or after entry into New Mexico are exempt from the 14-day quarantine requirement, regardless of the state from which they have traveled. Persons who have undergone a COVID-19 test shall self-isolate or self-quarantine while awaiting the results of their test. This exemption does not apply to persons entering New Mexico after traveling outside of the United States.

- Coordinate their return plans with Mitch Tappen, Tech's Director of Residential Life ([residential\\_life@nmt.edu](mailto:residential_life@nmt.edu) or 575-835-5900) if they live in campus housing. With advanced notice, students on a meal plan living in campus housing can have their meals delivered to their rooms during the self-isolation.
- Coordinate their return plans with Dr. Peter Phaiyah, Tech's Dean of Students ([deanofstudents@nmt.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@nmt.edu) or 575-835-5953) if they are commuter students.
- Comply with the Governor's definition of self-quarantine as it refers to "the voluntary physical separation of a person or group of people in a residence or other place of lodging. Any person who is self-isolating or self-quarantining may only leave a residence or place of lodging to receive medical care and should not allow others into the residence or place of lodging except for those providing medical care, emergency response, or other individuals designated by the New Mexico Department of Health. Family or household members may visit an isolated or quarantined person, but those visitors are directed to then self-quarantine or self-quarantine for a period of no less than 14 days..."
- Seek medical advice or call the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) COVID-19 hotline (855-600-3453) if they develop any [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

**Please understand that students who fail to comply with these directives may be subject to student disciplinary action.**