

Dear New Paltz student,

We present the December 3, 2021 edition of the **The Globe!**

The Globe is our International Student Newsletter. It is sent biweekly (every other week) on Fridays. In The Globe you will find announcements from International Student Programs office, important reminders, information on events, and more.

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Announcements and Reminders

White House announces updated testing protocols for travel into the U.S.

On Thursday, December 2 President Biden announced new actions to respond to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and the Omicron variant.

The U.S. will now require all inbound international travelers (travelers to the U.S. from other countries) to provide a negative Covid test **within one (1) day of departure, regardless of nationality or vaccination status.**

Please note that this is a change from the previous policy which required a negative Covid test within three (3) days of departure. Students traveling internationally and returning to the U.S. should be aware of this change and plan accordingly.

As always, policies and guidance may continue to change in response to the Covid pandemic.

Travel Signatures and Update for International Travel to the U.S.

Students who are traveling abroad and re-entering the U.S. should request a travel signature in advance.

- Travel signatures are valid for 6 months and are required for re-entry into the US after traveling abroad.
- You also need a valid visa, and your passport must be valid at least 6 months into the future of your return date.
- NEW requirement* – You must be fully vaccinated to enter the US from abroad.

*U.S. President Biden issued a proclamation that became effective on November 8, 2021, lifting the four geographic travel ban restrictions; replacing them with a global requirement that "nonimmigrants" traveling to the United States by air from any part of the world establish that they are fully vaccinated with a WHO approved vaccine, with some limited exceptions. All air travelers will also continue to have to show results of a negative COVID test taken within three days of their flight's departure from a foreign country traveling to the U.S., in addition to proof of vaccination.

You should travel with your WHO approved vaccination record. These are the [WHO approved vaccines](#).

As you know, COVID-19 continues to be a fluid situation. This can potentially complicate any international travel at this time, and into the foreseeable future. You should check the requirements for any country you are traveling to, as well as the U.S. and New York State requirements before your planned re-entry to the U.S. Please also continue to check your New Paltz email for updates from the college and from International Student Programs. Guidelines can change as the COVID situation changes.

The process for requesting a Travel Signature depends on if you are an F-1 visa student or a J-1 visa student.

F-1 visa students: You can request an electronic Travel Signature for your I-20 here, [Travel Abroad & Travel Signature](#)

J-1 visa students: DS-2019s require a wet signature. You will need to come to in-person advising (see [this link](#)) and then plan to stop by VH 202 with your DS-2019 and passport on a day we are holding in-person advising between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Pollard at pollardj@newpaltz.edu.

REMINDER: Avoiding Phishing Scams in the United States

Unfortunately, several sophisticated scams have been created by criminals around the world to solicit money from people. Please read [this website](#) to learn more information about potential scams and how to protect yourself.

Events and Opportunities

International Student Trip: New York City (Saturday, December 4)

Destination: New York City (next to [Bryant Park](#))

Date: Saturday, December 4

Depart: 11:00 AM from Parking Lot #28 on Rt. 32/Rt. 32 Parking (see below)

Return: 9:00 PM

Cost: \$15

DEADLINE: TODAY, December 3 at 12:00 PM (Noon)

You can click [HERE](#) to view a campus map. At the bottom of the map you will see **Route 32 Parking**. There is a bus stop in this parking lot. You can wait there for the bus. Please be on time both for the departure and the return. We do not want to leave anybody behind, but the bus will leave on time!

NOTICE

1. Masks are REQUIRED on the bus (and may be required in certain venues).
2. Full vaccination is REQUIRED to participate in CIP-sponsored trips this semester. Your vaccination must be verified through my.newpaltz.edu
3. As of AUGUST 17, [vaccination is REQUIRED to enter many venues in New York City now](#), including recreational settings, restaurants, and fitness centers.

Please click [HERE](#) to review New York City's "Key to NYC" guidance on how to prove vaccination. You have the option of downloading the NYC Covid Safe App (and uploading information) or bringing a copy of your proof of vaccination (see website for more details). Please note that the Excelsior Pass option (another app) may only be available for people vaccinated within the U.S.

HOW TO SIGN UP?

1. Click [HERE](#) to access our storefront and purchase your ticket.
2. Select New York City (December 4, 2021)
3. Complete form and purchase ticket

Questions? Email me at serranoj1@newpaltz.edu

Virtual Library Book Display: Separately Together

The Sojourner Truth Library has a monthly virtual book display that also includes podcasts, film recommendations, and more. This month the theme is **Separately Together** and has been curated by Adrianna Martinez, the library liaison to International Student Programs.

Check out this month's [Virtual Library Book Display!](#)

New Paltz ENGAGE-listed Events

[New Paltz ENGAGE](#) is our campus platform for clubs, organizations, and events. Click Events at the top to see a list of upcoming activities. Events for the upcoming week are listed below.

Student Corner

Would you like to share your experiences at New Paltz with us in an interview? Do you have something you've written or created that you are proud of? We would love to celebrate you and your work! Click [here](#) and share with us.

Tip of the Day

The U.S. Department of State maintains a site on [Country Specific Information for COVID-19](#). If you are planning on traveling internationally during the break, it is recommended that you review your destination's entry requirements, as well as the requirements for any other countries you may be stopping in.

Quote of the Day

"Some people see scars, and it is wounding they remember. To me they are proof of the fact that there is healing."

- Linda Hogan