This guidance applies to fire drills and occupant response to activation of fire alarms in all residence situations at SUNY, including quarantine and isolation areas.

Fire and life safety remain a priority and must be addressed even as COVID is being addressed.

**There is no relaxation of any New York State Fire Code provisions regarding fire drills and occupant alarm response because of COVID.**

1. All required drills need to be completed according to the frequency and timing required by the Code.

2. Occupants must use the closest safe exit path in the event of a fire emergency or drill. This requirement will preempt any temporary COVID-related designation of single direction corridors or stairs. This must be stressed in all orientations and evacuation plans.

3. Upon alarm, all persons should exit the building without delay, preferably wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance. Do not significantly delay evacuation for those reasons.

4. All persons requiring evacuation assistance, including those in quarantine and isolation, must implement their approved evacuation plan upon activation of the alarm. (These plans must be updated as necessary to reflect relocation of the student because of quarantine or isolation needs.)

5. All occupants must report to their assigned muster point per the campus plan. Face covering and social distancing should be maintained at those points, where possible.

6. Occupants of quarantine and isolation areas may muster at a separate designated location, as stated in the campus plan and isolation/quarantine orientation.

7. Quarantined and isolated students must participate in the drills and actual alarms.

8. Campus may not impose any delay in response or insert a verification process for alarms in any area, including quarantine or isolated areas.

*This document does not create additional burdens past the current Code requirements, but reminds that there is no current COVID-related relaxation of the New York State Fire Code requirements for fire alarm response and drills. Any interpretations will defer to the language of the Code and official interpretations. This guidance will be updated if there is additional information provided by appropriate authorities.*