

Staff Operations Update

Bennington College - Human Resources

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TO: All Staff and Faculty

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As we look to the beginning of summer, and as the State continues to reopen, we wanted to share important information on the following: (1) All Staff Meeting; (2) Personal Travel guidelines; and (3) On-Campus Recreation.

All Staff Meeting

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming All-Staff Meeting, scheduled for June 18, 2020 at 9:30 am. In advance of the upcoming [All-Staff Meeting](#), we invite you to submit questions you may have regarding staff operations and other topics. We will do our best to respond to all questions during the meeting. However, if needed, we will send an email response to remaining questions. Please submit your questions to hroffice@bennington.edu by Monday, June 15, 2020.

Personal Travel

The Governor of Vermont announced that the State's travel restrictions were eased effective June 8, 2020. This is welcome news for employees who wish to travel outside of our immediate area for vacation or personal reasons (and who are working on or coming to campus).

Effective immediately employees who reside in Vermont may travel outside of the state to *select areas* in New England and New York—those counties that have 400 or fewer active COVID-19 cases per million—and return without quarantining if they do so in a personal vehicle.

Each Monday, the State of Vermont will publish a [map of Cross State Travel](#) identifying quarantine and non-quarantine counties throughout New England and New York. The State of Vermont reminds individuals to follow any travel restrictions and quarantine requirements for the states they plan to visit. Employees who reside in MA or NY should follow these same guidelines but should also refer to any additional home state travel regulations.

On-Campus Recreation

The campus will again be open for personal outdoor recreational use. Staff should feel free to bike, walk or use the tennis courts. Staff members must observe all regular health and safety protocol including social distancing and the use of masks. Staff should refrain from visiting campus if they are exhibiting symptoms of respiratory illness (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell).

Thank you for your continued support of our campus community.