



## Travel Guidance for NYU Shanghai Faculty and Staff During COVID-19

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In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, the Shanghai Government released new guidelines (January 13 Guidelines) regarding travel to and from Shanghai, as well as testing and quarantine requirements for persons who are returning to Shanghai. The Shanghai Municipal Education Commission (SMEC) issued more specific directives for the education sector based on the January 13 Guidelines. Unless modified, these rules are in effect through the Spring Festival period, until March 31, 2021. More recently, six cases of infection were confirmed in the Huangpu District of Shanghai, and the two areas - including Zhaotong Road Residential Compounds and Salvo Hotel Shanghai - of that district have now been classified as medium-risk by January 22, 2021.

NYU Shanghai has updated our rules and recommendations for travel and campus access based on the January 13 Guidelines and recent development. If there is any conflict or inconsistency between this guidance and [the Community Standards in the Context of COVID-19 Management](#), this guidance shall be the prevailing version.

### I. Return Travel to Shanghai

If you are currently outside of Shanghai:

- and in a medium or high-risk area: please do not return to Shanghai until further guidance is issued or until your city turns low-risk.
- and in a low-risk area within a city that includes high-risk area(s): upon return to Shanghai, you must complete 14 days of hotel quarantine and 2 Nucleic Acid tests.
- and in a low-risk area within a city that includes medium-risk area(s): upon return to Shanghai, you must complete 14 days of self-monitoring in your own residences and 2 Nucleic Acid tests.
- and in a low risk area within a low-risk city: we recommend that you return to Shanghai as soon as possible.
- Please note that Beijing is treated as a “city” for purposes of the January 13 Guidelines.



If an area is raised to medium/high risk within 14 days **after** you have returned to Shanghai:

- and you have travelled to the medium-risk area, you must report to NYU Shanghai Public Safety ([shanghai.publicsafety@nyu.edu](mailto:shanghai.publicsafety@nyu.edu)) immediately, isolate yourself from NYU Shanghai, complete 14 days of self-monitoring in your own residences and 2 Nucleic Acid tests.
- and you have travelled to the high-risk area, you must report to NYU Shanghai Public Safety ([shanghai.publicsafety@nyu.edu](mailto:shanghai.publicsafety@nyu.edu)) immediately, isolate yourself from NYU Shanghai, and complete 14 days of hotel quarantine and 2 Nucleic Acid tests.
- and you have travelled to a low-risk area within a city that includes medium or high risk area(s), you must report to NYU Shanghai Public Safety ([shanghai.publicsafety@nyu.edu](mailto:shanghai.publicsafety@nyu.edu)) immediately, self-identify, isolate yourself from NYU Shanghai, complete a second COVID Nucleic Acid test prior to entering campus again. You may also be required to complete additional self-monitoring at the guidance, request, or determination by the public health authorities.

[This website](#) provides up-to-date information on the risk-category of cities and areas. (The website is in Chinese language. If necessary, you can use the translate function in WeChat or other translation tool to convert the text to English.) You may check the status of your current location. To protect the health and safety of our community and the community at large, it is important that we are mindful of risk-levels of places travelled to, self-identify the risk-levels, and report to the University Public Safety in a timely fashion.

## II. Access to Campus

In order to access the academic building, any person who travelled out of Shanghai must:

- Submit a NYU Shanghai Health Declaration (the declaration form is available at NYU Shanghai Corporate WeChat and at the University Website [here](#) at least **1 day before** you enter the campus.
- Submit a negative COVID-19 Nucleic Test of a **3-day validity**. Please submit an e-copy through the NYU Shanghai Health Declaration as instructed.
- **Please note that failure to submit either of these may result in suspension of campus access.**



### III. Future Travel (including Spring Festival break)

As of this writing, nearly 70 areas in China have been designated as either medium or high risk, including two medium risk areas in Shanghai. And, as the last few days have illustrated, a location can become medium-risk or high-risk in only a matter of hours.

**We understand that traditionally Spring Festival is a time for people to leave and visit family and loved ones across the country. However, the local government is advising against any unnecessary travel and is itself urging all Shanghai residents to remain in the city throughout the holiday period. We must do our part to support this public health effort.**

As a result:

- All travel is highly discouraged.
- Travel to and from medium and/or high-risk areas is prohibited.
- If you do leave Shanghai to visit a low-risk area, you will need to follow the approval process set out here: [Leaving Shanghai Request](#).
- A national guideline has been issued of having a 7-day valid Nucleic Acid Test to leave/return to your current location (see the full guidelines [here](#) and its Q&As [here](#), currently available in Chinese only). **Please note that NYU Shanghai will still require it to be 3-days valid in order to re-entering campus.**