

## Cornell Student Behavioral Compact

Until there is an effective vaccine for COVID-19, we live in a world of significantly enhanced community and personal health risks. The university cannot eliminate those risks, even with the best of planning. We can, however, work together to reduce those risks, and each member of our returning Cornell community must adopt a culture of shared responsibility for our safety and well-being. That will necessitate behaving, both on campus and off campus, in ways that at times will be difficult and may feel constrained, but are crucial both for Cornell and for the greater community in which we live. **The Cornell University Student Behavioral Compact 2020-2021** sets forth our behavioral expectations for Cornell students joining us in Ithaca for the 2020-2021 academic year in order to minimize transmission of COVID-19 and protect those most vulnerable to the virus. **This Compact applies to all undergraduate, graduate and professional students who reside in or return to the greater Ithaca area and/or the Cornell University campus community for the 2020-2021 academic year.**

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I understand that as a student member of the Ithaca-based Cornell University community during the 2020-2021 academic year, I have a role and responsibility to play in keeping our campus and the greater community safe and that we must adopt a culture of shared responsibility for our safety and well-being. I understand that the measures I am agreeing to undertake are currently necessary to protect my health and safety and the health and safety of others in both our campus and greater local communities. I agree to abide by all federal, state, local and Cornell University mandates, policies, protocols, and procedures related to COVID-19, including all required training and testing. **I understand that, if we, as a community, cannot adhere to the Compact and/or a serious COVID-19 outbreak occurs, Cornell may not be able to continue an on-campus experience, and we may be required to transition to a fully remote learning experience.**

I understand that violations of this Compact will be handled expeditiously by the **Cornell Compact Compliance Team (“CCCT”)**. I agree that should the CCCT determine that my behavior violated the Compact, I may lose the privilege of engaging in on-campus activities (including research and in-person classes), residing in on-campus housing, or accessing Cornell facilities and buildings, and that my Cornell net id and/or Cornell card may be deactivated for a period of time (blocking my ability to participate in remote learning and other online Cornell activities) as determined by the CCCT. I acknowledge and agree that there is no appeal of the decisions and directives of the CCCT, as these determinations will be made on an urgent basis to protect the health and safety of the community as a whole. The decisions and directives of the CCCT will not be reported by Cornell as disciplinary records or actions. However, I acknowledge and agree that the university may disclose violations of the Compact to my parents or legal guardians as set forth in the university’s Student Record Privacy Statement: Annual Notice under FERPA.

I also understand and agree that severe, pervasive, and/or repeated violations of the Compact may be referred by the CCCT in its sole discretion to the Office of the Judicial Administrator for investigation and adjudication pursuant to the Cornell University Campus Code of Conduct, and may result in my temporary suspension from the university while the disciplinary matter is pending and sanctions up to and including dismissal from the university should I be found responsible. I further understand and agree that failure to comply with the order of a university official regarding testing, isolation, quarantine, and/or contact tracing requirements will be immediately referred to the Office of the Judicial Administrator and will result in a temporary suspension from all programs of the university while the disciplinary matter is pending.

I understand that, in addition to this Compact, I am expected to continue to comply with all other applicable university policies, procedures, and on-campus housing expectations.

The expectations set forth below are based on recommendations by public health authorities and may change based on the spread of COVID-19 in the Ithaca community or developments in medical knowledge. **To protect myself and others, I understand and agree to adhere to the following expectations, and with supplemental health and safety responsibilities the university or public health authorities may establish.**

## Health & Wellness

I agree:

- To provide my local address and emergency contact information as a condition of enrolling in classes, and to promptly update each throughout the academic year.
- To make every effort to self-quarantine in place for 14 days prior to departing for Ithaca or the greater Ithaca area.
- To be tested frequently for COVID-19 as required by Cornell, including shortly after my arrival in Ithaca and as a part of regularly scheduled surveillance testing for the Cornell community.
- To isolate in the event of a positive test result for COVID-19, as directed by health authorities, and to fully cooperate with contact tracing and quarantine efforts.
- To take responsibility for my own health and the health of others in our community by adhering to guidance from Cornell Health, Tompkins County, or state health authorities.
- To complete and record the Daily Check.
- To practice appropriate physical distancing and good hygiene, including:
  - Remaining at least 6 feet from others whenever possible,
  - Carrying a face covering with me at all times while on campus,
  - Wearing a face covering whenever I enter any University building – including residential and dining halls – and continuing to wear a face covering in common areas and when moving through a building and/or working in shared spaces; whenever I cannot maintain at least 6 feet of separation from others outdoors whether I am on or off campus; and otherwise as required by the University or health regulations,
  - Coughing or sneezing into my elbow,
  - Washing my hands frequently throughout the day for at least 20 seconds,

- Cleaning my immediate areas in residence halls, laboratories and classrooms as directed, and
- Staying home if I am sick and requesting an evaluation from Cornell Health if I have COVID-19 symptoms. I further understand that wearing a face covering does not replace the need for physical distancing or other measures.
- To receive a 2020-2021 flu vaccine as directed by the University.

## **Social, Organizational and Recreational**

I agree:

- That participation in student clubs and organizations and other student and campus life activities will focus on virtual engagement as much as possible and, when not virtual, that I and others will be required to observe the physical distancing and good hygiene protocols adopted by the University.
- To comply with all enhanced social and event management policies, rules and requirements adopted by the University, including required registration of and approval for all University-sponsored in-person events.
- When socializing in person, to do so only in small groups of fewer than 30 people (or as otherwise set by the university or public health authorities), to maintain 6 feet of physical distance between us, and to wear a face covering at all times.
- When I am acting as a host for any social gathering or event on or off campus, I am responsible for complying with and reinforcing applicable University rules with all participants and guests, including requirements for small groups, physical distancing and face covering.
- To refrain from organizing, hosting, or attending events, parties, or other social gatherings on or off-campus that may cause safety risks to me and other members of the community. I further understand that drinking alcohol and using other drugs will increase my risk of engaging in risky behavior, needing medical treatment and/or being exposed to higher-risk contact with others.

## **In-Person Instruction**

I agree:

- To wear a face covering, sit in my assigned seat, and maintain 6 feet from others whenever possible when attending in-person classes, labs or any similar in-person instruction.
- To follow all directives of faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants regarding face covering, assigned seating, maintaining distance, and cleaning

of seats, desks, and other immediate areas.

- To attend class and other in-person instruction remotely when I feel well enough to participate but am in isolation and/or my Daily Check does not permit me to come to campus.

## **Residential Life and Dining**

I agree:

- To adhere to all rules and staff directives in on-campus residential and dining spaces, including COVID-specific measures newly instituted for the 2020-2021 academic year, including but not limited to observing all occupancy restrictions in dining halls, common areas, study rooms, and community spaces.
- To follow community-specified procedures for reporting COVID-related concerns and conflicts.
- To refrain from individual actions that will place other members of the residential community at risk. I understand that my individual actions outside residential environments can impact the wider residential community.

## **Travel and Guests**

I agree:

- To adhere to the university's prohibition against invited guests, including family members, to campus and/or my campus residence.
- To follow all New York State and university guidelines and directives on travel (which may include travel prohibitions), as they are issued.
- To comply, if I must travel, with quarantine and testing requirements based on guidance from Tompkins County, and the public health agency of my travel destination.

**The future course of COVID-19 is unpredictable. Many factors will contribute to the severity of the pandemic in Fall 2020 and beyond. I acknowledge that, even with the mitigation steps taken by Cornell and my anticipated compliance with the expectations set forth above, I may be exposed to and contract COVID-19. I further understand that there are risks to participating in the Cornell on-campus community, whether in live classrooms, residence halls, or other activities.**

**Attestation Language:** By submitting this response, I acknowledge and agree that I have completed the required COVID-19 Educational Training and have carefully read the Cornell Student Behavioral Compact, I understand my role and responsibility in keeping our campus and the greater community safe, and I am affixing my electronic signature to the Cornell Behavioral Compact.