

APPENDIX G

COVID-19 RELATED POLICIES FOR STUDENTS

Addendum to the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct

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The Salve Regina University Code of Conduct highlights the expectations that the institution has of its students in the current environment. Students must be diligent in their commitment to adhere to University guidance and encourage their peers to share responsibility. Compliance is expected, and in turn, students should expect compliance from fellow members of the Salve Regina Community. This addendum will remain in effect until otherwise noted by the University.

The threat posed by COVID-19 is continuously changing, along with our understanding of the illness. Salve will continue to provide updated guidance based on information from federal, state, and local authorities, and all Salve students are expected to remain informed of updates by reading their e-mails and reviewing the Salve Regina website, as we collectively work to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

All students are expected to complete the Salve Pledge and recognize that the University may make changes to campus health protocols and expectations at any time. Students are required to follow any newly required practices that may be put in place. In order to support Salve Regina's efforts to keep its community safe, it is important to be able to identify who is on campus; therefore, all students are required to carry their own university-issued identification card with them at all times.

Below are some of the community protocols that will keep us all safe and healthy:

I. Housing Protocols

- Resident Students:

- o Students living in on-campus housing may have only twice the number of guests as there are residents in their living spaces. Students are not allowed to gather in living spaces above the permitted occupancy for that room.

- o Residents are permitted to have non-Salve community members as visitors in the residence halls. All guests are held to mask and social distancing policies expected of all Salve community members.

- o Residents and off-campus students temporarily living in Quarantine/Isolation Housing are not permitted to have any guests, under any circumstances.

- Off-Campus & Commuter Students:

- o Students residing off-campus need to remember that many of their neighbors have been living in the Newport community for many years and deserve respect and cooperation in upholding all COVID-19 community protocols.

- o Hosting and attending gatherings off-campus come with potential health risks and consequences to oneself and others. As Rhode Island guidance changes frequently, you must consult the latest guidelines at <https://covid.ri.gov/> Please be aware that you are responsible for knowing, upholding and abiding by all State of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. <https://covid.ri.gov/>; <https://www.cdc.gov/>

II. Cloth Face coverings/Masks

Following current CDC and RIDOH guidance, Salve University is reinstating a face-masking requirement for everyone indoors on the University's campuses and properties, regardless of vaccination status. This requirement is in effect August 11, 2021 until further notice. It is intended to be a temporary safety measure until COVID-19 transmission rates have declined sufficiently in Newport County. The need for this requirement will be reviewed weekly by the University's EMT (Emergency Management Team) and any changes to this measure will be communicated via campus email.

All members of the Salve Regina community are expected to follow state and University guidelines on masks and face coverings. You are required to wear a mask while in campus buildings and common areas, and should wear a mask when off campus as well. Your mask should fit snugly but comfortably over your nose, mouth and chin without any gaps.

Masks with two or more layers of a washable, breathable fabric are recommended by the Rhode Island Department of Health. Remember that the use of gaiters or face shields is not recommended. If you choose to wear a disposable mask, please be sure to dispose of it properly.

Masks are required throughout Rodgers and while exercising, and must be worn properly at all times.

Definition of indoor public/common area

Public space includes all residential, recreational, academic and co-curricular common space on campus including, but not limited to:

- o Classrooms and lecture halls
- o Computer labs
- o Study spaces
- o Lounges
- o Hallway (in residence halls and public)
- o Public restroom facilities (including common bathrooms in residence halls)
- o Waiting rooms
- o Recreation Center and gymnasium
- o Locker rooms
- o Mercy Chapel
- o Playing fields and courts
- o Restrooms
- o Library

Salve Dining Locations

Everyone should remain masked up to the point of starting a snack or meal, remove their face mask to eat, and then re-mask immediately when finished.

Food and beverage are permitted specifically in the McKillop Library Café designated area, however only covered beverages are permitted outside of the designated Café area in the Library. Students should remain masked up to the point of taking a drink of their beverage, lower their mask to drink, and then immediately raise their mask back up. Masks should remain on at all times.

Classrooms

Students are asked to adhere to the University's classroom policies to mitigate risks related to the spread of COVID-19 including, but not limited to:

- o Students are expected to wear masks at all times during class
- o Food and beverage consumption will not be permitted in the classroom

III. Health Monitoring, Testing & Vaccines

All students (commuter, off-campus and residents) are expected to monitor their health for symptoms of COVID-19. Students who are ill or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend classes or other Salve in-person events and should contact Health Services or their own healthcare provider for assistance. Students are required to participate in regular testing as requested and provided by the University. Testing is a requirement for all unvaccinated students. Students will share with appropriate University officials information relevant for contact identification, including a daily log of contacts. All students will consider obtaining a flu vaccine.

IV. Quarantine & Isolation

Salve may require any student to quarantine in their own rooms/home/apartment or isolate by relocating to alternative Salve housing, if their continued presence is deemed to constitute a health or safety risk to the Salve community. Failure to comply with quarantine & isolation instructions, as well as all residence life policies and assignments, will result in student conduct sanctions described in the section "Sanctions for Violations."

V. Hand washing and cleaning

Students are expected to frequently wash hands with soap and water and use hand sanitizer when handwashing is not possible. Salve will proactively engage in regular cleaning and disinfecting procedures in order to provide a healthy and safe environment for all Salve community members. Students are expected to support Salve's efforts in creating a clean environment and cooperate with instructions on cleaning or disinfecting their assigned living spaces, which includes their own personal space and spaces shared with others. Salve students will not interfere with Salve's protocols related to cleaning or disinfecting, such as refusing to leave an area while it is being cleaned/disinfected.

VI. Conduct in Virtual Settings

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and supportive manner at all times, while recognizing the additional stress on all Salve Regina University community members due to

COVID-19.

VII. Violations of COVID-19 Code of Conduct Addendum

All members of the Salve community are expected to create an environment supportive of COVID-19 reduction by promoting these guidelines. Students will remain respectful to others at the University who remind them if they are not wearing a face mask. Students will be held accountable for non-compliance or not following proper direction and guidance given by others. Salve Regina University will enforce violations of these protocols through its existing Code of Student Conduct including the sanctions for violations described below. Response to violations may be different depending on the behavior. For example, some minor violations of the COVID-19 guidelines may be addressed by simple reminders to students to abide by the guidelines. Other responses may include coordination of support measures to assist students in meeting the guideline requirements. More serious violations, including direct refusals to adhere to Salve Regina University's COVID-19 efforts, may result in engagement of the formal conduct process by the Dean of Students' office.

- **Sanctions for Violations:**

Maintaining a healthy and safe campus community requires a student's strict adherence to policies. While Salve Regina's student conduct process seeks to educate students about their responsibilities as members of the campus community, the public health emergency may necessitate more serious consequences for certain behaviors. Violations that include deliberate non-compliance with community protocols as outlined in this Addendum, such as wearing face coverings, testing, and quarantine and isolation, are deemed high risk. These kinds of violations will require immediate action by Salve Regina University. Sanctions for these types of violations may include disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion.

Thank you for your contribution to the health and safety of our community.

Questions regarding something in this Addendum?

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