

Addendum
Salve Regina University
COVID-19 Related Policies for Students
Addendum to the 2020-21 Student Code of Conduct
Updated September 25, 2020

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:

- Limiting social gatherings

Salve community members are expected to reduce in-person social gatherings, such as limiting visits by persons outside of the Salve community and using alternative communication methods instead of congregating in a single space. Salve students should also limit their gatherings outside of the Salve Regina University campus.

- Students living in on campus housing may have only twice the number of guests as there are residents in their living spaces. On campus students are not allowed to gather in living spaces above the permitted number for that room. No non-Salve community members are allowed on campus or in the residence halls at any times. This includes package and food delivery personnel.
 - Students residing off campus need to remember that many of their neighbors have been living in the Newport community for many years and deserve their respect and cooperation in regard to limiting gatherings and upholding all COVID-19 community protocols.
 - Hosting and attending large gathering off campus comes with potential health risks and consequences to oneself and others. **Do not host or attend parties or gatherings with more than 15 people (number based on current Rhode Island Guidelines, and is subject to change), including the host. If you do, you may face suspension or expulsion from Salve Regina University.**
- Cloth Face coverings and masks
All students must follow state and Salve Regina University guidelines on wearing face coverings at all times, both on-and off-campus. Students are required to wear face coverings while in campus

buildings and common areas. Face masks must also be worn in public outdoor campus spaces when proper social distancing of 6 feet or more from another person cannot be maintained. Face masks must cover the nose and mouth.

Definition of a public/common area:

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

- Classrooms and lecture halls
 - Computer labs
 - Study spaces
 - Lounges
 - Hallway (in residence halls and public)
 - Public restroom facilities (including common bathrooms in residence halls)
 - Waiting rooms
 - Recreation Center and gymnasium
 - Locker rooms
 - Mercy Chapel
 - Playing fields and courts
 - Restrooms
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- Social (physical) distancing
Salve has established distancing measures and signage, such as specific directions of hallway and stairway travel, increased spacing in rooms, reduced room capacity, bathrooms designated for specific individuals, and others. Students must follow these directions and all campus signage, including any further directions from residence life staff or other Salve employees. Students will maintain a physical distance of at least six feet while on and off campus when applicable.

 - Health Monitoring, Testing & Vaccines
All students (commuter 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 events in-person and should contact Health Services or their own healthcare provider for assistance. Students are required to use the RAVE Guardian app to monitor their daily health. Students are required to participate in regular health screenings and testing as requested and provided by the University. Testing is a requirement for all students. Students who elect not to participate in the testing program are not permitted to live in residence halls or be on University premises and will only be allowed to attend classes remotely. Students will share with appropriate University officials information relevant for contact identification, including a daily log of contacts. Students will also obtain a flu vaccination this fall.

 - Quarantine & Isolation
Salve may require residential students to quarantine in their own rooms 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 residence life policies and assignments may result in student conduct sanctions describe below:

 - Classroom
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:
 - No food or beverages are to be consumed during in person class lectures

- Classrooms have been set up to maintain appropriate physical distancing protocols; students therefore should not move any furniture in the classroom
 - Students are expected to wear face coverings at all times during class, including entering and leaving the classroom
 - Students entering classrooms are asked to remain outside the room and physically distance until previous class has exited (if they haven't already)
 - Students will be required to clean their area upon entering and departing the classroom (wipes and disinfectant will be provided) and wear face masks
 - Students cannot share objects or materials (pens, books, etc.) that they bring to classrooms
 - Students will be expected to follow their faculty member's instructions for exiting the classroom in a staggered way to avoid overcrowding
- 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.
 - 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.

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 or observing social distancing practices. 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 limiting social gatherings, wearing face coverings, social distancing, 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.