

COVID-19 ADENDUM TO COMMUNITY STANDARDS

APPLICABLE TO STUDENTS ON CAMPUS STUDENTS

As we have shared throughout the summer, this fall semester will look different. However, we know Dickinsonians are ready for the challenge of caring for each other. Time and time again we have seen you serve your community; during this time you will serve each other. Your actions this fall and the personal responsibility we all take within our community are more important than ever. By emphasizing safety, health, and a collective understanding of what is required from all of us, we can minimize the impacts of this new coronavirus. Together we will win against this global pandemic.

The expectations and guidelines shared in this addendum to the Community Standards asks each member of the residential community to commit to a strong regimen of personal hygiene, including frequent handwashing; cleanliness in your rooms, suites, and apartments; the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE), such as face coverings, basically whenever you are outside of your apartment; and maintain social distancing of at least six feet where possible. The College will also support the protection of its students, staff, and faculty by providing PPE and posting signage that reinforces the expectations around personal health and safety.

This semester will be about considering your actions within the context of the community, your fellow students, and other faculty and staff who may be on campus. So, we will ask you to do things for the good of the community. We will start by requiring all residential students to be tested for COVID-19 prior to the start of the academic year. This requirement will provide a baseline of information for students living on campus. However, students must consider that a negative test at that time is only a snapshot in time. Students could be exposed to the virus and test positive, even hours later. We implore students to take a negative test as an opportunity to refocus on the safety practices they will put in place moving forward to protect themselves, their apartment-mates, and the broader community.

We must all work together to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of our community and campus in these trying times. These expectations are one element of our ongoing plan to build and sustain a culture that makes the health and safety of others its top priority.

As a Dickinson student, you are a member of the Carlisle community. We must also protect those living around the college. We expect that you will follow all safety guidelines when you are spending time both on and off campus grounds. You represent Dickinson to those living in Carlisle, so at all times prioritize the safety and well-being of the broader Carlisle community in addition to the Dickinson community.

This document remains effective as an addendum to the Dickinson College Community Standards starting August 12, 2020 until otherwise noted by the College. The College reserves the right to update and make edits to this document to be in line with the guidance that comes from local, state, and national public health agencies as well as government officials. All updates to the document will be clearly noted with the date and posted on the College's website.

Failure to follow these policies and rules will result in a charge of the appropriate alleged violation which may include a policy violation of the Community Standards. The student will go

through the conduct process and if found responsible, receive sanctions which could result in losing your ability to live on campus. Please know that students' health, wellness, and safety is the College's top priority.

COLLEGE NOTIFICATION OF COVID SYMPTOMS

The College requires that all students -living on campus or approved commuters who will be visiting campus—notify the College immediately (no later than 4 hours after you notice the symptoms) if you develop symptoms associated with COVID-19.

In order to notify the proper College entities, please call the Wellness Center at (717) 245-1663 for further directions. The Wellness Center is open M-F from 8:30am-4:30pm. Outside of these hours, contact the Department of Public Safety who will put you in touch with the Student Life on Call staff member.

Student living on campus who are symptomatic will be asked to be tested at the Wellness Center and isolate (in housing provided by the College) as soon as possible (see Isolation below). Students who are tested off-campus will receive follow up contact from Wellness Center staff.

Wellness Center staff will ask the student for a list of close contacts, following current guidelines for contact tracing. Close contacts currently consist of the following:

- Individuals with whom they were within 6 feet of for 15 minutes or more within the 48 hours prior to symptom onset, regardless of whether face coverings were being worn.
- Close contact also includes being directly exposed to respiratory secretions (e.g., cough or sneeze).

When a student is tested at the Wellness Center, staff will obtain consent from the student to share appropriate medical information with Residence Life staff and other relevant College personnel (e.g., athletic trainers) - as well as family members, if requested.

After the College has learned that a student has tested positive for COVID-19, the Pennsylvania Department of Health will be notified to begin their contact tracing to determine if there was exposure to other members of our community so that the College can take appropriate next steps to mitigate further spread of the virus.

HEALTH MONITORING/REPORTING

All students on campus will be required to self-monitor their health and report whether they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have had potential exposures to the College by logging into <https://dickinson.medicatconnect.com/> on a daily basis. The information provided will not be considered part of students' confidential medical records at the Wellness Center, but it will only be accessible to specific college personnel. When asked, students must accurately and honestly report symptoms or risk factors for COVID-19. Students who feel ill or have a fever should not interact with others and must contact the Wellness Center (Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm) or the Department of Public Safety for further instruction.

According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. Please refer to the CDC for a more updated list as new symptoms continue to be determined.

RESTRICTED MOVEMENT (INITIAL REQUIREMENT UPON ARRIVAL)

Students arriving to campus for the fall semester, students who have lived on campus this summer and are relocating to a new space for the fall and/or students who will be living with new roommates, will be asked to restrict their movement for 14 days following move-in.

Students should remain in their residences, except when attending essential tasks on campus (i.e., picking up food, picking up your book order, etc.) or attend in-person medical appointments. Students may spend time outside as long as safety guidelines are followed, which include wearing a face covering outdoors if they are unable to maintain a distance of 6 feet from individuals with whom they do not reside (i.e., who are not roommates/suitemates/housemates (i.e., “household members”)). If students require additional necessities (e.g., groceries and/or over-the-counter health supplies/medication) during these first 14 days, they can purchase these online from local stores and the college can arrange to have them picked up and delivered via the safety shuttle at predetermined times.

ISOLATION (FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ILL)

Residence Life & Housing staff will provide symptomatic students being tested by the Wellness Center with an isolation housing assignment.

- Residence Life staff will drop off a key and a wagon outside of the student’s apartment to allow the student to move themselves.
- Students should take only what they will need for 10-14 days, including any clothing, bedding, medication, toiletries, cooking utensils, dishes, groceries, etc.
- Students will be provided with written instructions from the Wellness Center about isolating, including information about contacting Residence life & Housing staff if they require meals delivered, time sensitive items in the mail room picked up, or a small bag of clothing laundered.
- Any student who requires assistance while in isolation can be in touch with the Residence Life staff member who provided their isolation assignment.

- Local students who prefer to transport themselves to an off-campus location (or have a family member willing to provide transportation) will be allowed to do so, although this may not be advisable if they do not have adequate access to food, medication, and other essential items, and/or if they would be living with individuals who are susceptible to COVID-19. Students who choose to return home will be provided with interim isolation housing if they cannot leave campus immediately.

QUARANTINE (FOR STUDENTS POTENTIALLY EXPOSED)

Wellness Center staff will contact all students who are identified as close contacts of the student who is symptomatic, including roommates/suitemates/housemates (i.e., “household members”), to inform them of the potential exposure to a suspected case of COVID-19, arrange for testing at the Wellness Center, and connect them with relevant College personnel to arrange for quarantine. The identity of the student who is symptomatic will not be disclosed to close contacts.

- Household members will need to quarantine at least until all results are back and can discontinue quarantine if test results are negative for everyone in the apartment/suite/room (including the student who is symptomatic).
- If these household members only share a bathroom with each other (e.g., apartment housing), they will be allowed to self-quarantine together, but would still be encouraged to remain in their apartment, not go to class or the dining areas, and social distance from each other as much as possible.
- If household members quarantine together and any of these household members tests positive, time spent in quarantine may be prolonged if social distancing cannot be maintained and/or if bedrooms are shared. Please refer to the CDC guidance on quarantine for details: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>
- Other close contacts will need to quarantine at least until all results are back and can discontinue quarantine if test results are negative for the student who is symptomatic.
- Close contacts who are not household members of the student who is symptomatic will need to quarantine in a space with their own bedroom and a private bathroom (a shared bathroom is only acceptable if those sharing the bathroom have a similar level of exposure to the student who is symptomatic).
- Students will be provided with instructions from the Wellness Center about quarantining and Residence Life staff will assist students in quarantine in a manner similar to those in isolation, as indicated above.

RETURN TO HOUSING ASSIGNMENT POST-QUARANTINE OR ISOLATION

Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 (or who has not been tested) should remain in isolation until all of the following criteria have been met and the Department of Health has instructed the student to discontinue isolation:

- It has been at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- There has been improvement in other symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared (20 days for individuals with severe/critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised).
- If the student tests positive but remains asymptomatic, the student should remain in isolation until it has been 10 days since the positive test result.
- Please note that these criteria may change over time and the most up to date guidelines can be found on the CDC's website.

Any student in quarantine who has not tested positive and remains asymptomatic should discontinue quarantine after 14 days since their close contact with the person who tested positive and the Department of Health has instructed the student to discontinue quarantine.

FACE COVERINGS

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid potential exposures. You will be expected to wear a face covering when in shared spaces on campus and/or within six feet of others. This combined with other recommended practices such as social distancing, frequent handwashing, health-monitoring and good hygiene practices (e.g., cover coughs and sneezes, clean frequently touched surfaces, etc.), help to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Below are a few examples of when to wear a face covering versus situations when not wearing a face covering may be permitted.

When to wear a face covering:

- In the classroom or laboratory, if applicable
- In the HUB, except while eating
- In all hallways, lobbies, or other high-traffic areas
- In your apartment when guests are visiting (anyone outside of your household)

When it is not necessary to wear a face covering:

- In your apartment when only members of your "household" around
- Outside while more than six feet from others

All Dickinson students, faculty, and staff reserve the right to kindly ask that students and other community members wear a face covering if they are not wearing one in a required setting. It is recommended that all students carry an extra face covering while on campus. If a student does not have a face covering to put on in that moment, they can be directed to visit the Department of Public Safety or the Wellness Center who have face coverings.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing is designed to limit the spread of a disease by reducing the opportunities for close contact between people. It is asked that everyone does their best to maintain a safe social distance of six feet or more in all settings.

We recognize that maintaining six feet of social distancing may not be possible in all unforeseen and informal situations but ask that all students make every effort to abide. For everyone's health

and safety, face coverings will also be utilized (see above for more information) in an effort to maintain social distancing.

VISITORS

To mitigate the possible spread of the virus, we are limiting visits during this time. A visitor is anyone who is not approved to live on campus for the fall semester.

- Visitors to campus will be prohibited from entering any residential facility and are encouraged to remain outdoors whenever possible (the only exception to this is limited to move-in and move-out, where a student may have two helpers. Helpers must be screened by Residence Life & Housing prior to entering any residential facility. And, the time spent in the residential facility should be limited to the act of moving belongings).
- Visitors must wear face coverings while on campus and practice social distancing.
- All visitors must be registered online. [*COVID Health and Safety: Daytime Visitor Registration Form*](#). It will be the responsibility of the student, office or department to register their visitor before or once they arrive to campus.
- A visitor to campus will be asked to inform the College if they exhibit symptoms of illness within 14 days of the visit. If a student learns one of their visitors is experiencing symptoms during this window, they should contact Residence Life & Housing at (717)245-1556.
- Visitors are not allowed to stay overnight on campus.

GUESTS

To mitigate the possible spread of the virus, we are limiting guests in residential facilities during this time. A guest is anyone who is an approved member of the residential community but not assigned to live in the space.

- On campus students will not be permitted to have guests in their residential space during the first two weeks of classes. On the Friday after the second week of classes, residential students can have guests visit them in their residential space. Each resident can have one guest at any given time, so the maximum number of people in any residential facility can be double the space occupancy. Guests and residents are expected to wear face coverings during this time as social distancing may not be possible.
- All students will be required to complete a roommate agreement to determine their own expectations for guests within their residential space.
- Students who are not approved to live on campus are not current members of the residential community and cannot be guests in residential facilities.

COMMON SPACES

Congregating in indoor communal areas of campus in groups is prohibited in any spaces that cannot allow for six feet social distancing.

This includes, but is not limited to apartments, the HUB, the Kline Center, etc. All students who are congregating in a communal space, outside of the people they live with, must wear a covering and maintain six feet of social distance, per the policy.

You may find furniture removed in common spaces and appliances disabled to discourage congregating in certain areas.

SOCIAL SPACES

Students will be able to socialize with the people they live with plus one guest per resident in their residential space (after the first two weeks of class). Students wanting to gather outside of their own residential space may do so outside.

Students need to consider risk when seeking to socialize with others. Interacting with others while practicing harm reduction strategies can be helpful to maintain and build connections and prevent isolation. Harm reduction strategies include (taken from

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/how-to-socialize-in-a-pandemic-2020060519996>):

- Understand the rates of virus transmission in [Carlisle and Cumberland County](#);
- Consider vulnerability to the virus;
- Evaluate the risk of the activity, which includes its duration and setting.

Per the Community Standards, drinking games and binge drinking paraphernalia are not permitted at any time. Given what we know about COVID-19, students found participating in drinking games or using binge drinking paraphernalia will be viewed as especially egregious now given the ease of contamination via this manner of alcohol consumption.

EVENTS

Events on campus will primarily be virtual. There may be limited opportunities for on campus students to gather outside, weather permitting.

TRAVEL

Students living on campus are strongly encouraged to minimize their travel and continue to practice all necessary health and safety behaviors while off-campus. We ask that students not travel via mass transit, once they have arrived on campus. If you must travel, please follow the guidelines developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>. Travel to states on the Governor's list or counties within PA that are not in the "green" phase, will require a 14-day quarantine upon return to campus. It is important to continue to be thoughtful about how your travel and activity can create a risk to those in your household.

If a student plans to stay on campus through the exam period, we ask that you not travel via mass transit or travel to any area with high amounts of COVID-19 (as defined on the website above) to go home for the Thanksgiving break.