



The Penn State COVID-19 Compact

As we return to in-person experiences in our campus communities during the ongoing pandemic, we must acknowledge the responsibility we all share. Every member of our University community, including you, must strictly follow fundamental public health requirements and the measures Penn State deems necessary to encourage well-being and safety for all. Our return is tenuous and could be brief. Its success depends on each of us doing our part.

Failure to abide by the following requirements may subject you to disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from the University:

- Be tested for coronavirus as directed by the University, including testing we may require prior to your arrival on campus and as necessary throughout the school year
- Fully and candidly cooperate in contact tracing, when called upon to do so by University or other contact tracers, sharing information to help identify those who may have been exposed to the virus
- If you test positive and must isolate, or are identified as a close contact with someone who is infected and must self-quarantine, explicitly follow the University's instructions
- Wear face coverings in campus buildings at all times, outdoors when you cannot social distance from others, and wherever state or local laws require
- Honor the physical distancing requirements established in classrooms, other campus locations, and all other gatherings on campus; do so in any other context off-campus that requires distancing
- Follow guidance from the University and other authorities, including signage, postings, e-mails, and other notifications

Other important guidance to follow:

- Self-quarantine for at least seven days prior to arrival on campus
- If you test positive at a location away from campus, including in a different state, immediately contact the University to let us know
- Get a flu vaccine as soon as the vaccine is available
- Scrupulously follow good hand hygiene practices
- Whenever you are feeling ill, stay home, and seek medical care
- Rigorously restrict your travel to only travel that is necessary; consider walking or biking, rather than public transportation, whenever possible



Carefully read the following statement. You must acknowledge that you understand what it says. In a world filled with important things, this one is really important; please treat it that way.

Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that the Centers for Disease Control, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania State University have issued rules and precautions that may, or may not, be effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, and that it is my responsibility to follow these and other directives to protect myself and others from the substantial risks posed by this virus. Even with the mitigation steps taken by Penn State and my compliance with this Compact, I acknowledge that Penn State cannot prevent the risks of exposure to COVID-19 that may result from attending Penn State or participating in Penn State activities.

I acknowledge that the Penn State Student Code of Conduct outlines sanctions, including suspension or expulsion from the University, that may be imposed should I fail to comply with reasonable directives from University or other officials, including the requirements stated above. And I affirm that I will deliberately engage in practices that discourage the spread of coronavirus.

I understand that I must consult with the Office of Student Disability Resources, if I have a medical or other condition that may affect my ability to adhere to the commitments stated above, and that reasonable accommodations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If, at any point, I am unable to sustain these commitments to my fellow students and our community, I shall remove myself from the campus and complete the semester remotely. If I do not choose to take this step, I understand that I shall have forfeited the privilege of remaining on campus, and that the University may, in the interest of public health and safety, take administrative action to prohibit me from participating in any in-person campus activities, including residing in residence halls, attending classes, or joining any other pursuit that otherwise would be available to me.

In short, I recognize that I may forfeit my opportunity to continue as a student at Penn State if I fail to honor these critically important public health considerations with the sincere and earnest spirit in which they are expressed.

Finally, I understand that I am exempt from the terms of this Compact if I am enrolled in an entirely remote learning experience, will not be on any Penn State campus, and will not reside in communities surrounding any Penn State campus. However, I acknowledge that should I reside or visit any Penn State campus or surrounding community for any reason and for any period of time, all terms and expectations of this Compact will apply to me.