

Fall 2021 COVID-19 Community Agreement

Curry College remains committed to mitigating the risks of COVID-19 and maintaining a positive campus community and online environment for living, learning and working. We are incredibly proud of how we came together as a community last year and were successfully able to complete the entire year in person – ending in an on-campus celebration of the Class of 2020 and 2021 in May. We believe that we were able to have such a successful year due to, in part, the campus expectations and campus commitment to health and safety in the 2020-2021 academic year. Now, more than ever, we all need to reflect on and embody the Curry values of supporting and caring for one another. With this in mind, the College is maintaining and continuing into the fall semester the policies, procedures, and shared expectations of commitment to one another. We can continue to do our best to help Curry stay healthy in these challenging times.

The Curry Community Agreement emphasizes each student's commitment to actively protect the health and safety of every member of our campus. The COVID-19 pandemic is ever changing. Students should stay informed and pay close attention to Curry communications that provide updates and specific instructions. As with all its codes, policies, and standards, Curry reserves the right to modify this code at any time and for any reason without notice to you. Students (whether on or off campus) are expected to abide by all federal, state, local, and Curry guidelines and regulations implemented to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Failure to do so may result in a violation of the Student Handbook and action through the Office of Community Standards and Accountability.

Community Behavioral Expectations During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Onboard Testing

Students will be asked to provide a negative COVID-19 PCR prior to returning for campus. For residential students, this must have been taken with-in 72 hours of their move-in time. For commuter students, the must have been taken with-in 72 hours of their first time on campus. Failure to submit a negative test prior to returning to campus may result in you being prevented from coming onto campus and participating in College activities, including academics.

Face Coverings

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that [wearing a face covering can slow the spread](#) of COVID-19. While the College has not yet determined if changes will be made to our current masking policy for fall, we are closely following the developing public health situation with regard to COVID-19 variants and guidance from federal, state and local authorities, and will communicate any updates to the community promptly. All students, vaccinated and unvaccinated, are expected to follow College policies regarding face coverings, noting that these are subject to change based on changing campus and public health conditions.

Unvaccinated Students: All unvaccinated students are required to always wear a face covering while they are indoors (with the exception of their own residence hall room,

while eating, and other specifically designated areas/circumstances as designated by a College official) and outdoors if a 6-foot distance from others cannot be maintained.

Vaccinated Students: Vaccinated students may be instructed to wear a face covering indoor and/or outdoors and are expected to comply with official College communications.

Residential Life Rules/Policies

Students living in Curry residence halls must abide by the rules put in place to keep their residential community safe. Specific policies and expectations related to guests, group gatherings, and other responses to COVID-19 must be followed. Students are expected to follow the direction of any Residence Life staff/team member or college representative; this includes following directional signage.

Off-campus quarantine: Students must have reviewed and be ready to implement their Personal Departure Plan in anticipation of being asked to leave campus to quarantine due to COVID-19 infection or possible exposure. A student who is deemed a close contact and vaccinated may still be asked to quarantine or isolate for a period of time. Please note: if a student is asked to implement their Personal Departure Plan OR is asked to isolate or quarantine on campus, there will be no housing or dining adjustment to the student account. In the event of a full campus closure, management reserves the right to determine whether adjustments will be necessary.

Guests in residential hall rooms: Current Curry College Students are permitted to be guests of current Curry College students in residence halls.

For Students Living Off-Campus: A reminder that students living in off-campus apartments must adhere to federal, state, and local limits on the number of people who may gather together. As a further reminder, the Student Handbook applies to off-campus behavior in addition to on-campus behavior. If a student receives a civil or criminal charge, citation or violation relating to a local, state, or federal COVID-19 regulation, guideline, order or law, the student may be charged with a violation of the College's Code of Conduct.

Curry College also strongly urges that students remain on campus throughout the academic semester. Staying on campus is the safest option for students and our community, given the protective measures that the College is taking to reduce viral transmission and minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections in our community. If a residential student must leave campus, the College requires that students continue observing these protective measures while off campus in order to reduce the risk of viral transmission when returning to our community.

Health Monitoring/Testing/Reporting

Unvaccinated students:

Daily Symptom Screening: Students are required to monitor their health on a daily basis and to check for [any symptoms](#) associated with COVID-19 utilizing the CoVerified app, and students must accurately and honestly report symptoms or risk factors for COVID-19.

Surveillance testing: All unvaccinated students that are residents, commuters coming to campus at least once a week, or meet certain other criteria that identify higher risk of exposure, are required to submit to weekly testing to determine the presence of COVID-19 infection. Testing will be conducted by Student Health Services, in conjunction with the Broad Institute.

Failure to complete the required daily symptom screening and weekly testing will result in a violation.

All students:

Symptomatic students: Students that are exhibiting symptoms consistent with a COVID-19 infection must immediately isolate and may not attend classes or events. The student must contact Student Health Services for further instruction.

Any member of the community, vaccinated or unvaccinated, maybe be asked to participate in pool testing. Should a student be asked to submit to testing, it is expected they do so even if vaccinated. Additionally, a student may be asked to display their CoVerified app by a College official (Public Safety, RAs, Faculty, etc.) and are expected to do so.

Failure to comply with the above instructions or a College official will result in a violation.

As the COVID-19 public health emergency continues and best practices continue to emerge for containing the spread of the virus and reducing the risk of infection, the College may provide additional instructions about health monitoring and reporting. Students will be required to follow any additional instructions from the College. Such monitoring may require use of technology (including the CoVerified app) or may entail other means of monitoring and reporting.

Even if not required, when available, students are strongly encouraged to utilize technology (such as the CoVerified app) that are made available through state and local government to assist in contact tracing and resource sharing.

Hygiene and Disinfection Practices: Students are also expected to practice good hygiene and cleanliness habits such as: [washing your hands](#) with soap regularly, coughing into your elbow, doing laundry regularly, and turning away from others when sneezing.

Contact Tracing: Students are required to respond to all requests made regarding contact tracing protocols. Students are expected to share all relevant information, including who they have come into close contact with, with College officials or the local board of health when asked.

Quarantine and Isolation: If a student's permanent residence is within 200 driving miles from Curry College, they will be instructed to isolate/quarantine off-campus at their permanent residence. If their permanent residence is over 200 driving miles from Curry College, the College will identify a quarantine or isolation space within federal and state guidelines for their use during the quarantine/isolation period, as space availability permits. Isolation may be required while waiting for test results or when a positive test result, regardless of symptoms, is returned. Students who are identified as a close contact to an individual who tested positive, may require testing and be subject up to a 14-day in accordance with CDC guidelines to quarantine, regardless of their test results.

Conduct in Online/Virtual Settings

As always, students are expected to act civilly and respectfully in all environments, including online, in social media, and in virtual education settings. Students should be mindful of their communications (phone, videoconferencing, email, etc.) with faculty, staff and other students. Students are expected to maintain a professional online presence, including appropriate Zoom background images and screensharing etiquette while in an educational setting. As a courtesy to others in our learning environment, students should also use care to maintain neutral, ambient noise and imagery when in online interactions with members of the Curry community.

Reporting Alleged Violations

Curry College will make available to all students, faculty, and staff an [online form](#) where members of the community may report alleged violations of the COVID-19 protective measures that have been put into place. Faculty or staff members that receive reports of COVID-19 protective measures violations from students or other community members are required to complete the online reporting form.

As with any other type of violation, the reporting party may contact Public Safety if they would like Public Safety to address the behavior. Contacting Public Safety will result in a COVID-19 report being submitted for review by Community Standards and Accountability.

Processes for Reviewing Alleged Violations

When a student is documented for their first alleged COVID-19 directive violation, they will receive a notice and outcome delivered through the Adjudication by Letter process outlined in the Student Handbook, unless that alleged behavior is egregious. Any student documented for an alleged COVID-19 directive violation that is egregious in nature, or if the student has already received a COVID-19 related notice, will have a meeting with a trained hearing officer to determine if a violation occurred.

Additionally, any student whose actions or omissions put the health and safety of the community at severe risk may be asked to leave campus immediately, even if it is the student's first violation. This could include an unvaccinated student with an approved waiver not following College guidelines on testing and facial coverings. A repeated failure to abide by the COVID-19

protective measures, or intentional or severe violation of the COVID-19 protective measures, may also result in the student's removal from housing or suspension from the College.

Notice: COVID-19 related violations do not "reset" for the fall semester, meaning, if you have previously received a COVID-19 violation(s) and were placed on a disciplinary status (disciplinary probation, deferred loss of housing, loss of housing) that status remains in effect if it has not already naturally expired as outlined in the outcome letter you received. This means that you could be removed from campus at your "first" violation of the fall term if you have previously been found responsible of a violation(s).

Acknowledgement of Risk

Each student will acknowledge the risks presented by the COVID-19 public health emergency. You also understand your rights and obligations as a member of the Curry College community during the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

By your presence on campus, among other students, faculty and staff living and working in our community, you understand the inherent risks presented by the COVID-19 public health emergency. These risks include, but are not limited to, possible exposure to the virus. You further understand the steps taken by the College to manage and reduce these risks, and your obligations as a member of the Curry community to act in an appropriate and compliant manner to assist in reducing the risks of viral transmission on campus.

Each student will agree to abide by and comply with all College policies, guidance and directives in order to ensure your health and safety and those around you in the Curry College community.