Compliance with Health and Safety Directives

As it is every member's responsibility to contribute to the creation of a healthy and safe community, students are required to comply with University health and safety directives, guidelines, rules, regulations and protocols in times of emergency and/or public health concern, both on and off the campus. Violations may be referred for action under the Code of Student Conduct.

COVID-19 Guidelines and Policies

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Villanova has implemented policies and guidelines designed to maintain a safe and healthy community. University health and safety directives may be altered or changed in response to evolving circumstances. Students are responsible for remaining knowledgeable of and complying with the most current University policies, both on and off the campus, as well as with any applicable local, state and federal guidelines regarding health and safety.

Community First: The CARITAS Commitment is our pledge, as Villanovans, to modify our behaviors to ensure the health and safety of the community. Students and student organizations must comply with the following CARITAS Commitment guidelines at all times, both on and off the campus. Students and organizations who fail to comply will be held accountable under the Code of Student Conduct, as outlined below.

- **Masks and Face Coverings**
  - Students must wear a face mask that covers the mouth and nose inside buildings and while outside, at all times, both on campus and in the local community.
  - Exceptions to the mask wearing requirement are:
    - When doing a solitary activity outside where six feet of social distancing is consistently guaranteed – such as exercising alone
    - When eating (special care should be given to maintain social distance).
    - When showering or brushing teeth (in a common bathroom)
    - When a student is alone or with only their roommate(s)/household in a vehicle or in their room/apartment/place of residence
    - Other exceptions as determined by University medical professionals.

- **Social Distancing and Gatherings**
  - All students must adhere to social distancing guidelines, i.e., typically maintaining a six-foot distance between people.
  - Gatherings must be limited and controlled, and such that they are proportionate to the gathering space in order to allow for consistent social distancing of those present, whether inside or outside, and whether on or off campus. Masks must be worn if individuals other than a student’s roommate(s)/household are present.
• Students must comply with room capacity guidelines in all campus buildings, guest limitations in residence halls, and all government-issued guidelines regarding social distancing and gatherings.

• Self-Monitoring, Testing, and Quarantining/Isolating
  ◦ Students are expected to regularly self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and must immediately contact the Student Health Center at the onset of symptoms.
  ◦ Students are expected to comply with all expectations around COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and quarantine/isolation protocols as outlined in Villanova’s Health and Safety Plan.

• Hygiene and Cleaning
  ◦ Students must practice good personal hygiene and should wash or sanitize hands often and regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

• Limitations to Travel
  ◦ Students should avoid non-essential travel. If travel is not avoidable, students must practice health and safety measures such as mask-wearing, social distancing, and personal hygiene.

COVID-19 Guidelines Specific to Residence Life

In addition to the above CARITAS Commitment guidelines which apply on and off the campus, the following health and safety policies are in effect in the residence halls. Students who fail to comply will be held accountable under the Code of Student Conduct, as outlined below. Please view the Student Handbook for a complete list of Residence Life policies.

• Face Masks and Social Distancing in Residence Halls
  ◦ Students must wear face masks that cover the mouth and nose at all times in the residence halls except when in their room/apartment alone or only with their roommate(s).
  ◦ Face masks must be worn in common areas of residence halls such as hallways, lounges, laundry rooms, and bathrooms (except when showering and brushing teeth).
  ◦ Students should maintain at least six feet of distance between themselves and other individuals in the residence halls whenever possible, even when wearing a mask.

• Guest Policies in Residence Halls
  ◦ Only current Villanova students are permitted in the residence halls. Non-Villanova visitors are not permitted.
  ◦ If a student visits someone else’s room/apartment, that student is considered a guest of that room/apartment.
  ◦ If guests are in a room/apartment, then all occupants, including residents, must wear a face mask.
  ◦ Visits by family members to the residence halls are limited to assistance with pick-up and drop-off of items only. Face masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times.
  ◦ Given space limitations and to ensure social distancing, the following guidelines have been established for the number of total occupants permitted in a room/apartment at any one time:
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**COVID-19 Guidelines Specific to Off Campus**

When off-campus, students hold a substantial responsibility for preserving the health and safety of both the larger community and the on-campus University community. Therefore, the above CARITAS Commitment guidelines apply to all students both on and off the campus. All University and government-issued health and safety guidelines, including but not limited to the University’s policies on masks, social distancing and gatherings, must be followed at all times while off-campus in the local community. This includes at off-campus houses, apartments, local establishments, and all other public and private spaces. Students who fail to comply will be held accountable under the Code of Student Conduct, as outlined below.

**Enforcement and Sanctioning**

The University reserves the right to sanction students who violate local, state, and/or federal law or guidelines and/or the University’s health and safety directives, both on and off campus*. Violations are subject to the full range of [disciplinary sanctions](#), and will likely result in Disciplinary Probation, restrictions on campus property, and/or Suspension or Expulsion from the University. Subsequent or repeated violations and/or aggravating factors will result in more severe sanctions. Additionally, all students are expected to comply with University health and safety directives, regardless of a student's vaccination status and/or prior exposure to COVID-19.

Violations that take place in residence halls and/or by residential students will, in addition to disciplinary sanctions, also result in housing sanctions, including Housing Probation, loss of housing privileges, required room change, building restrictions, and other housing measures. Severe or repeated violations will result in loss of campus housing.

Violations that take place off-campus may be considered more severe given the potential impact to both the University and local community.

- Attending a gathering off campus that violates University or government-issued guidelines will likely result in a minimum of Disciplinary Probation plus additional disciplinary measures and may also include a loss of campus housing or restrictions from campus property.
• Hosting a gathering off campus that violates University or government-issued guidelines will likely result in Suspension from the University. Hosts (typically determined to be those who coordinate the gathering and/or reside at the property, whether or not on a lease) are responsible for the gathering and all attendees, regardless of invitation. Failure to take all reasonable precautions necessary to ensure that a gathering complies with University and government-issued guidelines (i.e. mask-wearing and limiting capacity to allow for consistent social distancing) will be considered an aggravating factor and will result in more severe sanctions.

Posting photos and/or video of conduct that violates University guidelines on social media platforms causes community alarm as well as condones and sensationalizes potentially dangerous conduct, and therefore will be considered an aggravating factor when determining disciplinary sanctions.

Failure to comply with expectations around COVID-19 testing or quarantine/isolation protocols will result in the full range of disciplinary sanctions, including restrictions from campus property and a hold on records.

Health and safety violations involving other violations of the Code of Student Conduct (i.e. alcohol or drug violations, excessive noise, disorderly conduct, etc.) will be considered more serious and will result in more severe sanctions.

Student organizations who violate University or government-issued guidelines will be subject to administrative measures and/or disciplinary sanctions including suspension or loss of recognition. A student organization’s involvement in a violation will be determined using the guidelines found in the Code of Student Conduct.

*In cases where, in the University’s sole discretion, there may be an immediate health and safety concern due to an alleged violation, students and student organizations may be subject to interim administrative measures, including but not limited to, removal from campus, interim suspension, or other restrictions until such time the University can collect more information and determine an appropriate course of action.