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Behavioral Expectations in Response to COVID-19

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Policy Statement

The University seeks to support and advance student success while prioritizing the health, safety, and welfare of all members of the campus community, including faculty, staff, and students. This Policy provides a framework for how we will care for one another, practice healthy and protective behaviors, and commit to learning and discovery.

Applicability

This Policy applies to all UF students and on-campus housing residents on the University campus.

RESPONSIBILITY OF

Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

AUTHORITY OF

[Student Conduct Code](#)
(Regulation 4.040)

Resources

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Applies to

Definitions

Cleared for Campus: Default status of students, indicating eligibility to be present on University owned or controlled property, as well as participate in in-person courses, events, resources, and services provided by the University.

Not Cleared for Campus: A status determined by University of Florida health officials at Screen, Test, and Protect, indicating that a student is not eligible to be present on campus for the health of the University community due to the expectation of a student to self-isolate or self-quarantine.

Self-isolation: Separating one's self, if infected with the virus (those who are sick with COVID-19 and those with no symptoms), from people who are not infected. People in isolation should stay in an off-campus isolation location until it's safe for them to be around others. In the in the off-campus isolation location, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick room" or area and using a separate bathroom (if available).

Self-Quarantine: Separating one's self from others when they might have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay in an off-campus quarantine location, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from health officials.

Student: Any person admitted, enrolled or registered for any University program, regardless of the medium of the program or degree-seeking status, or when not enrolled or registered

Students

Keywords

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for a particular term, who is eligible to enroll in future terms without seeking readmission as defined in [University of Florida Regulation 4.040](#).

University Campus: All land, buildings, facilities and other property the university possesses, owns, leases, operates, supervises or controls, including adjacent streets and sidewalks as defined in [University of Florida Regulation 4.040](#).

University Official: Any person the university employs, contracts or appoints to perform assigned teaching, research, administrative, professional or other responsibilities as defined in [University of Florida Regulation 4.040](#).

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Students must adhere to published University policies and regulations. Students and residents must remain informed concerning University policies, regulations, and guidelines; as well as laws, orders and community health needs which may change in response to COVID-19.

Every University student must:

- Comply immediately with a request from a University official addressing health, safety or welfare such as completing self-quarantine and self-isolation requirements.
- Follow all COVID-19 related published policies, guidelines, laws, and orders issued by the county, city, state, or other applicable agency while on campus. If a county or city

ordinance conflicts with University policy, University policy will control on the University campus.

Student Status

The University has the sole discretion to determine if a student is “Cleared for Campus” or “Not Cleared for Campus.” Health professionals at Screen, Test, & Protect will communicate a Not Cleared for Campus status to students directly; a student’s status is available on their One.UFL.edu account home screen.

With the exception of medical facilities, any student who is Not Cleared for Campus is prohibited from being on any University owned or controlled property, and from participating in University sponsored events. This includes, but is not limited to, being prohibited from attending in-person classes, in-person student events, or using campus facilities such as libraries, Newell Hall, and the Reitz Union. Facilities with swipe access, such as recreation centers, will automatically deny access to students who are Not Cleared for Campus. Students Not Cleared for Campus may still attend virtual classes, events, and programs and may access virtual services.

We advise the following steps to ensure a safe and successful semester:

1. The University expects but will not require everyone to wear a mask at all times when inside any UF facility, even if you are vaccinated. This includes our students, faculty, staff, vendors, and visitors. Recent studies and guidance from the CDC state that both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals

can transmit the current COVID-19 variant to unvaccinated persons.

2. If students are not vaccinated, the University recommends getting vaccinated. If possible, students should be fully vaccinated but if unable, should strive to have at least one shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine no later than August 22. Vaccines are readily available at no cost on campus. Visit this link for details on where to get your shot, including options that do not require an appointment:

<https://coronavirus.ufhealth.org/vaccinations/vaccine-availability/>. Students who receive the first dose of the vaccine off campus can still receive their second dose on campus.

3. COVID-19 testing remains available both on and off campus. Testing locations and schedules are available at <https://coronavirus.ufhealth.org/screen-test-protect-2/how/screen/#locations>. In addition, the University expects students to complete the Weekly COVID-19 Symptom Screening in [One.UFL.edu](https://one.ufl.edu). This will help our UF Health Screen, Test & Protect team identify and contain any potential COVID-19 outbreaks.

4. If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care. [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect](#) offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, or have tested positive yourself. Visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) for more information.

5. Students should continue to follow healthy habits including best practices like frequent hand washing.

6. Continue to regularly visit coronavirus.UFHealth.org and coronavirus.ufl.edu for up-to-date information about COVID-19 and vaccinations.

Self-Quarantine and Self-Isolation Requirements

A student that has been tested and is awaiting COVID-19 results, that has been identified as ‘close contacts’ (as determined by a public health official) of someone who tested positive, or who received a positive COVID-19 test result is required to Self-Quarantine or Self-Isolate in accordance with the following behavioral requirements:

Self-Quarantine is required for the following students:

Students with symptoms awaiting COVID-19 test results and unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated students who are ‘close contacts’ (as determined by a public health official) of someone who tested positive.

Students who meet the requirements for self-quarantine will be considered Not Cleared for Campus for the period of quarantine.

Self-Isolation is required for the following students:

Students who tested positive for COVID-19.

Students who meet the requirements for self-isolation will be considered Not Cleared for Campus for the period of isolation

Additional Requirements for On-Campus Student Housing

University Housing:

- The University will not provide quarantine or isolation spaces for residents. Students needing to quarantine or

isolate due to COVID-19 exposure, illness, or a positive test result must do so at an off-campus location.

- The University expects students to inform UF Housing staff where they will be completing their self-quarantine or self-isolation prior to leaving campus. Students will not be permitted to return to their housing assignment until cleared for campus by UF Health Screen, Test & Protect.
- Students may not enter any UF Housing facility until the self-quarantine or self-isolation period has concluded as communicated by UF Health Screen, Test & Protect or other University officials. UF Housing facilities include any residence hall, apartment building, common area, and inside or outside common spaces.
- Students are prohibited from visiting their housing assignment or building until the period of self quarantine or self-isolation concludes.
- In emergency situations, the University may provide self-quarantine or self-isolation spaces.
- Students must comply with all self-quarantine or self-isolation rules, regulations, and policies as directed by any University Official.

Policy Enforcement

- Enforcement of behavior found to be a violation of this Policy is a violation of the Student Conduct Code ([Regulation 4.040](#)) and may result in sanctions, such as loss of privileges associated with being a University of Florida student, including suspension or expulsion.
- Enforcement of behavior found to be a violation of this Policy is a violation of the terms of a student’s housing contract and may result in consequences or a referral for

action through the Student Conduct Code.

Resources

The following resources are provided to foster education and engagement and provided with the recognition that this resource list is not exhaustive:

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