

# Interim Addendum to Student Code of Conduct COVID-19 and Public Health-Informed Campus Policies

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Goucher College intends to perform its educational mission while protecting the health and safety of its students, faculty, and staff to attempt to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 within the community.

## I. RISKS OF COVID-19

To understand the risks that you face by returning to campus, you must realize that COVID-19 is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization as a global pandemic.

COVID-19's highly contagious nature means that contact with others exposed to the virus may lead to infection. In addition, some individuals infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic (do not show any symptoms) and are still contagious. Sometimes, because of its "hidden" nature, it is difficult to control the spread or determine whether, where, or how exposure to the virus occurred. Goucher is taking steps recommended by public health authorities to minimize the risk of spreading this disease on the Goucher campus.

**Goucher College cannot and does not guarantee a COVID-19-free environment, and there is the risk that you may contract COVID-19 if you come onto campus to live, attend classes, and/or work.**

The policies and guidelines below are incorporated into the Goucher College Student Code of Conduct and apply to all students to minimize the risks associated with COVID-19. Your compliance with these requirements is essential to assisting the college in reducing the risks to you and other community members.

## II. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- A. You are subject to all guidelines for individuals related to the COVID-19 pandemic established by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Also, the State of Maryland has guidelines for personal behavior during the COVID-19 pandemic, and you must always comply with such guidelines. You understand that these guidelines may change, and it is your responsibility to ensure that you know and abide by the guidelines.
- B. The College may implement additional requirements restricting your behavior and/or modify protocols from time to time, and you agree to comply with such requirements.
- C. Limitations of your behavior are necessary to reduce the risk of transmitting and/or being infected by COVID-19. Your failure to comply with any of these responsibilities may jeopardize your health and safety and the health and safety of others on campus, potentially causing severe illness and death.

### III. EXPECTED CONDUCT & BEHAVIOR

- A. Students must comply with local, state, federal, and College directives concerning maintaining required physical distancing (six feet or more) between themselves and other individuals on campus, including the College's [COVID-19 Alert level](#).
- B. Students must submit all required and requested health forms and information in completion before accessing campus.
- C. Students must use an N95, KN95, or Kf94 mask anytime outside a private residence hall room, including all common residential areas, academic areas, and the dining hall (except while eating) unless given different instructions by authorized college personnel. Masks must be over your nose and mouth. When outdoors, masks may be removed when maintaining physical distancing of 6 feet or more.
- D. Students must clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in their residence hall room before and after another person enters the room.
- E. Students must use college-provided disinfectant to clean communal restrooms in the residence hall after they use them.
- F. Students must engage in frequent handwashing etiquette, as recommended by the CDC.
- G. Students understand and agree they are subject to regular testing (e.g., wastewater, PCR surveillance testing, and/or symptomatic testing) for the COVID-19 virus and subsequent contact tracing and the confidential reporting of the College results.

If students have symptoms of COVID-19 as described by the CDC, they **must** adhere to the following:

- Stay in their residence hall room or remain off-campus if not currently residing on campus; until given further instructions by the Student Health Center;
  - Not attend any in-person classes or extracurricular activities;
  - Wait to be cleared to leave their room or return to campus by the Student Health Center; and
  - Be tested for COVID-19 if deemed necessary by the Student Health Center.
- H. If required by the College, the student must remain in self-quarantine or isolation for a designated time determined by the College, in consultation with public health authorities, and/or move to a different room to receive medical care self-quarantine, and/or isolation.
  - I. Students are prohibited from restricted areas (e.g., specific residence halls, SRC, academic buildings) when designated by the College.
  - J. Students are prohibited from having non-Goucher visitors in their residence halls or gatherings with non-Goucher students on-campus.
  - K. Students are discouraged from attending indoor off-campus social gatherings of 10 or more people.

L. Students are discouraged from participating in indoor dining and patronizing establishments without mandatory masking policies.

The above conditions may change at any time, and students agree to follow all college directives relating to COVID-19 and public health requirements.

**Any failure to adhere to any of the above directives is a violation of the Code of Conduct that may result in sanctions, including restriction from classes/campus, immediate removal from Goucher housing, and/or suspension/ dismissal from the College. In addition, all accountability hearings are administrative and held virtually via Zoom.**