

TEMPORARY COVID-19 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT ADDENDUM

Effective Date: January 2, 2021

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GENERAL:

Towson University (“TU”) will resume hybrid classes with a combination of in person and virtual learning and will reopen the residence halls, the dining halls, Burdick recreation center and some other student-centered venues for the Spring 2021 semester. This addendum describes specific updated requirements that will temporarily apply to students on campus and in the residence halls to protect the health and safety of the entire campus community. Failure to follow these requirements may result in charges for engaging in certain prohibited conduct within the Code of Student Conduct (“The Code”) as set forth below.

The Code and all policies and procedures listed within are still in effect. Other prohibited conduct within The Code not listed below may apply to COVID-19 related conduct, depending on the nature of the conduct. The same Procedures listed within The Code will be followed for any alleged violation of these temporary requirements reported to the Office of Student Conduct & Civility Education.

To find additional information and description on the University’s Return to TU Guidance and Protocols visit this dedicated [website](#).

SECTIONS AFFECTED:

VI. Prohibited Conduct

Student Conduct/ 8. Endangering conduct that imperils or jeopardizes the health or safety of others.

- a. Until further notice, TU is a “mask on” campus. Students are required to wear masks or facial coverings while they are inside any TU facility. Masks/facial coverings (including shields) must be worn covering both the mouth and nose at all times while indoors. Students who live in on-campus housing are permitted to remove their mask/facial covering while inside of their residence hall room, but must wear their mask/facial covering in hallways, lobbies, and all other public spaces inside of the Residence Halls. Masks/facial coverings are encouraged outdoors in situations where physical distancing is difficult to achieve.
- b. In accordance with the guidelines from the CDC and the State of Maryland, TU will practice 6 feet physical distancing. Students are permitted to gather indoors in groups of no more than 10 individuals, but must remain at a distance of at least 6 feet between each person.
- c. Students who live off campus may not host more than 10 individuals, including themselves, in or at their off campus residence at one time.
- d. If a student is diagnosed with COVID-19 or is exposed to another person who they know has been exposed to COVID-19, the student must immediately inform the Health Center either via the daily QuickScan or direct email communication at healthcenter@towson.edu.

- e. While the University is in a virtual only environments (i.e. the first two weeks of the Spring 2021 semester), no guests will be permitted in the Residence Halls. Otherwise, Residence Hall access is limited to those who are assigned to live on campus. Residential students may sign in one guest at a time who lives in another residence hall, and may have one guest in their room at a time. Residential students may interact with other residents inside their residence hall in public spaces like lounges and lobbies, but must practice physical distancing and abide by other occupancy/use policies set forth by Housing & Residence Life. Any resident who wishes to be signed in as a guest of another resident must have complied with all COVID-19 testing requirements, guest procedures, and daily QuickScans. In order for a Residential Student to sign in a guest of another residence hall, all occupants of the shared space must agree to having guests in the space within in their roommate agreement. In the event of an outbreak of cases in a specific area of campus, Housing & Residence Life may limit guest privileges for communities or individuals.
- f. Non-Residential students may not enter any residence halls. Residential students may not bring non-residents or non-affiliates into their residence hall.
- g. Residential students are required to complete daily QuickScans Monday through Friday by the required time indicated in the QuickScan email and report and immediately report any changes in symptoms via the QuickScan.
- h. Sentinel testing is a randomized testing selection process. If selected, residential students, are required to complete the sentinel test at the University Health Center within the Sentinel timeframe noted in correspondence.
- i. Residential students and other students who are present on campus for more than 4 hours per week are required to complete any online training or educational seminars related to COVID-19.

Student Conduct/ 3. Uncooperative behavior and/or failure to comply with reasonable instructions of University Officials acting in performance of their duties.

- a. Facility occupancy and use guidelines are being adjusted to allow for physical distancing in all facilities on campus. Students must abide by all adjusted requirements for each facility they use on campus. Signs will be posted in facilities around campus with updated occupancy and use expectations.
- b. If a residential student is asked to quarantine or isolate by the University Health Center due to possible exposure or diagnosis of COVID-19, they must comply with this request. Housing & Residence Life will coordinate their temporary relocation to the building designated for quarantine and isolation use.
- c. If a non-residential student is asked to remain off campus for a period of time due to their need to quarantine or self-isolate, they must comply with the instructions of the Health Center and may not return to campus until given permission by the University Health Center.
- d. Students who display symptoms of COVID-19 may be required to participate in COVID-19 testing or contact tracing. Students must cooperate and participate in these activities as requested.

Student Conduct/ 2a. Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or normal University operations, including University-sponsored activities or events.

- a. Student organizations may host in person events using the physical distancing guidelines listed above.

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES:

Students who are found in violation of the requirements listed above are subject to both educational and/or punitive sanctions. The purpose of these temporary requirements is to maintain the health and safety of our campus community. As such, outcomes for violation of these requirements will be focused on educating the campus community on their individual responsibility as a community member.

First-time violations for failing to practice physical distancing, wear masks/facial coverings properly, or comply with facility occupancy or use guidelines will generally result in a warning and education.

Repeated or flagrant violations of these requirements may result in more significant action, including, but not limited to one or more of the below sanctions:

- Education
- Banned from access to a particular TU facility for a period of time
- Probation
- Suspension

In addition, Residential students who fail to comply with these requirements, including the modified guest policy, may face temporary or permanent removal from university housing or guest privileges.

Student organizations who fail to comply with the requirements for hosting events may also face probation or suspension.

REPORTING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS:

Reports of alleged violations of these requirements and other misconduct can be made to The Office of Student Conduct & Civility Education at www.towson.edu/reportit or at studentconduct@towson.edu. For incidents that occur in the residence halls, students can report to Housing & Residence Life Staff.

DURATION OF ADDENDUM:

This addendum is in effect until further notice. Evaluation of the need to change the details of these requirements will be continuous and in conjunction with recommendations from the University System of Maryland and guidelines from the CDC as well as state and local health authorities.