TEMPORARY COVID-19 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT ADDENDUM

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

GENERAL:

Towson University (“TU”) will resume some in person classes and reopen the residence halls for the Fall 2020 semester. This addendum describes specific 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 also required outdoors in situations where 6 feet 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. 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 inform the Health Center.

d. Residence Hall access is limited to those who are assigned to live in that respective building. Residential students may not sign in or host any guests, but may have one visitor in their room. Guests are non residential TU students or individuals who are not affiliated with TU. Visitors are residential students who live in the same building as their host. Residential students may interact with other residents of their building 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. We recommend that students utilize facilities outside of the Residence Halls to gather in groups of 10 or less.
e. Residential students may not enter residence halls other than their own. Non-Residential students may not enter any residence halls.

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 self-isolate by the 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 use.

c. If a non-residential student is asked to remain off campus for a period of time due to their need to self-isolate, they must comply with the instructions of the Health Center and may not return to campus until given permission by the Health Center.

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:

• Probation
• Education
• Being banned from entering or using a particular facility for a period of time
• Suspension from the University

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.

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.