

Student Expectations FOR COVID-19



The health and safety of the University community is paramount, and accordingly, the University has made operational adjustments related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the University community, students are responsible for participating in these efforts undertaken by the University and for complying with the following health and safety rules. Students who fail to comply with these rules are subject to all sanctions outlined in the Student Handbook, up to and including suspension and dismissal.

While these rules are intended to mitigate health and safety risks, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present risks of a unique and uncertain nature and the University cannot guarantee that a student who returns to the University will not contract COVID-19. In returning to the University, students assume responsibility for compliance with the rules described below for their personal protection and the protection of the University community, and assume the risk of exposure to COVID-19, which risk is being mitigated by the University's operational adjustments and student compliance with health and safety rules, but which risk cannot be totally eliminated.

As federal, state, and local rules and regulations are modified in response to the pandemic, these rules are subject to change and students will be notified of any change(s).

Health and Safety Rules

- Students are required to conduct daily personal health screening, including temperature checks, each morning prior to leaving their house, apartment, or campus residence facility. The screening form will be provided to students. Students who can answer no to all of the questions have a "negative screen" and are free to be present on campus. Students who answer yes to any of the questions have a "positive" screen, must contact University Health Services who will instruct them on appropriate next steps, and must stay home or in their assigned Living Learning Center room pending additional guidance from University Health Services.
- Students are expected to follow all social distancing rules set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including maintaining a distance of 6 feet from another person. CDC Guidelines for social distancing are available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
- Unless otherwise directed by a University official, students must wear face coverings in all public settings on campus whether they are indoors or outdoors. Public settings include restrooms and classrooms. Students are not required to wear face coverings in their residence hall room. A student with a medical condition that affects the ability to wear a face covering who wishes to request an accommodation must contact the University's Office of Disability Services, disabilityservices@duq.edu, extension 412.396.6658.
- Students should contact University Health Services if they have visited an area of high prevalence (domestic or international) in the previous 14 days and/or if they know they have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Students who feel ill should contact University Health Services for a screening and will be advised on appropriate next steps.
- Students must comply with all directives from University Health Services.
- All student gatherings have an attendee limit of 25 individuals, unless otherwise approved by the appropriate Vice President. This includes off-campus gatherings, which, if brought to the attention of the University, will subject students to sanctions.
- On campus student events require advance approval from the Vice President for Student Life.
- Students must comply with all University directives related to restrooms, dining, elevator use, stairwell use, classroom seating, travel restrictions, and common area use.
- Students must comply with all directional signage.
- Resident students must comply with all rules related to on-campus living, including rules prohibiting students from re-arranging furniture and limiting the number of visitors who are permitted to be present in a residence hall room.
- Students must comply with all contact tracing efforts undertaken by the University, in collaboration with the Allegheny County Health Department.
- Students must comply with the University's directives regarding quarantine, isolation, and preventative and/or health-related measures that may become necessary. A student who has tested positive for COVID-19 is required to follow all University directives with respect to isolation.
- Students must comply with any additional restrictions or requirements imposed by specific departments, schools, or programs.

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