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## **Kenyon Student Conduct Addendum for the 2020-2021 Academic Year**

All students enrolled at Kenyon during the 2020-2021 academic year agree to follow and adhere to the Kenyon College Student Handbook regulations as well as all provisions outlined in Residential Life's Housing and Meal Plan Terms and Conditions. Additionally, students will follow the COVID-19 related directives and restrictions listed below in order to support the College's efforts to limit exposure and protect Kenyon community members.

A student's presence on campus signifies their agreement and consent to the following requirements, which are conditions for living and learning at the College during the 2020-21 academic year:

### **Mandatory COVID-19 testing**

Students will commit to undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing. At the direction of College staff, students may also need to quarantine until the result of the test is known. Students are required to participate in the process of contact tracing if it is determined that they came in contact with an infected person and/or if they test positive and must furnish the names of their contacts. While the College encourages students to receive the COVID-19 vaccination when it becomes readily available, students who have been vaccinated will still be required to quarantine if they experience COVID-19 related symptoms or have been identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive.

Students will be exempt from mandatory COVID-19 testing for 90 days after a positive PCR and/or rapid antigen test result. The College will advise when those students are expected to resume participation in mandatory COVID-19 testing.

To assure that proper precautions are taken to care for the student and protect the community, students that receive notification of a positive test or are named as close contact by an entity not affiliated with the College must notify the Cox Health Center immediately.

### **Influenza vaccination**

Students will be required to receive or furnish proof of an influenza vaccination as another method of protection. The vaccine will be made available free of charge to students on campus and administered with guidance from the Cox Health & Counseling Center. Only students with a medical contraindication for the vaccine and/or a vaccine component will be considered exempt.

### **Mandatory daily health assessment**

Students are required to complete a daily health assessment prior to leaving their residential space. A daily health assessment includes conducting temperature, symptoms, and exposure

checks. Students will utilize the College-issued “smart” thermometer and affiliated app to assist in conducting these checks. Symptoms include a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing as well as fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

Students experiencing symptoms (listed above) should consult with the Cox Health & Counseling Center (by telephone: 740-427-5525 or by email: Health@kenyon.edu).

### **Required social distancing**

Students are required to practice social distancing when in the presence of other individuals. Social distancing involves maintaining a distance of at least six feet from other individuals whenever possible. Social distancing should be taken into consideration when standing in line, walking in hallways, and while waiting for or on an elevator. Students are also expected to adhere to requests for social distancing when asked.

### **Required wearing of face coverings**

Students are required to wear a face covering when outside of their assigned residential spaces and there is a possibility that they may be within six feet of another individual. In residence halls, an assigned residential space is a student’s individual room. Assigned residential spaces for students living in an apartment consist of the entire apartment. An exception to wearing a face covering is while eating, drinking, actively exercising, or playing sports outside. Students will be required to follow specific Lowry Center guidelines, including the use of face coverings, while exercising.

A face covering is a cloth, bandana, or another type of material that covers an individual’s mouth and nose. A face covering must fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, and be secured with ties or ear loops.

Those with a medical condition or a disability that would inhibit their ability to wear a mask can seek a reasonable accommodation based on provided documentation through the Student Accessibility and Support Services (SASS) office.

### **Travel restricted to Knox County, Ohio**

To assist in maintaining an environment of limited exposure, student travel outside of Knox County, Ohio will be limited to essential travel only, such as family emergencies and medical appointments. Students desiring to travel outside Knox County, Ohio for essential travel must receive prior approval from the Dean of Students, Robin Hart Ruthenbeck.

### **Prohibition of visits from non-Kenyon students**

To minimize COVID exposure to the greatest extent possible, only Kenyon students and staff are permitted in residential spaces within the College's control. The only exception is during the initial move-in process, when students are allowed one individual from outside the College to assist them.

Visitors (including, but not limited to, family members of students) are not allowed on campus unless for an essential reason, such as to collect a student due to a family emergency or at the request of the College.

### **Prohibition of visits from remote learning Kenyon students**

Students not participating in on-campus instruction or on leave of absence are prohibited from visiting campus without prior approval from the Dean of Students or their designee.

### **Restricted access to campus for commuter Kenyon students**

In accordance with the Remote Student agreement, students approved to commute to campus may not access any residential spaces or Peirce Dining Hall. Commuter students are also required to abide by the same testing and safety protocols as students in residence.

### **Capping of small gathering attendees**

In order to promote social distancing, the capacity for small gatherings will be limited to no more than two guests per resident within a residential space with a cap of 18 students. Per the Housing and Meal Plan Terms and Conditions, all assigned residents of single or shared living spaces are responsible for all activities taking place in the apartment/house, whether the assigned resident(s) is (are) present or not.

### **College controlled property**

Off-campus residential spaces are deemed College controlled property. Therefore, students assigned to live in off-campus residential spaces will be required to adhere to Kenyon College Student Handbook, Residential Life's Housing and Meal Plan Terms and Conditions, and the directives and restrictions listed above.

As the recommendations of Knox Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control evolve, so will these expectations. Notification of any changes to COVID-19 related directives and restrictions will include email and a discussion with Student Council. In addition to an email, updates to the COVID-19 related directives will be posted on the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities webpages.

*Not following these directives places every member of the Kenyon community at risk and therefore it is each individual's responsibility to follow and enforce this agreement. Whenever*

*the College becomes aware of violations of the directives and restrictions regardless of where such conduct allegedly occurs, the behavior will be addressed by the appropriate administrative authorities. Failure to adhere to these directives and restrictions will result in formal allegations of violating the Student Handbook's provisions of Failure to Comply or Violent, Endangering, and Discriminatory Behavior. Students who fail to meet the expectations of the Conduct Addendum may face Interim Suspension and immediate removal from campus until the student conduct process is completed. Violations of these provisions will result in sanctions up to deferred suspension or suspension from the College.*