Kenyon Student Conduct Addendum for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

All students taking courses 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 remain in self-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.

Influenza vaccination

Students may be required to receive 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.

Required wearing of face coverings

Students are required to wear a face covering when outside of their residential spaces and there is an expectation that students will not be within six feet of another individual. An exception to wearing a face covering is while eating or drinking.

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.

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.
Prohibition of visits from non-Kenyon students

To limit the possibility of exposing the Kenyon community to individuals who have not undergone COVID-19 testing, and may not share the same dedication to virus prevention efforts, non-Kenyon students are prohibited from staying overnight in Kenyon’s residence halls.

Capping of small gathering attendees

In order to promote social distancing, the capacity for small gatherings will be limited to no more than one guest per resident within a residential space.

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 the Knox County Health Department 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 Campus Safety, Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities, and Residential Life 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. Failure to adhere to these directives and restrictions will result in formal allegations of violating the Student Handbook’s provisions of Failure to Comply and Endangering Behavior. Violations of these provisions will result in sanctions of deferred suspension or suspension from the College.