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University of Rochester

# COVID-19 Community Commitment

As students at the University of Rochester, we recognize that COVID-19 places extraordinary responsibilities on all of us. Embedded in our University motto, **Meliora**, are the values that guide our interactions with one another: Equity, Leadership, Integrity, Openness, Respect, and Accountability. Those values guide us in our response to COVID-19.

Despite the many measures put in place to promote our health and safety, neither the University of Rochester, nor any institution, can fully guarantee our protection from the virus. Every one of us has the responsibility to act in ways that reduce its potential spread. We agree to this Commitment, which is based on directives from New York State and from public health experts, including those at our nationally distinguished Medical Center.

## #URCommitment



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## As a Student of the University of Rochester

- ✓ I understand that the University has adopted requirements, informed by the best available evidence at this time, to protect the health of our community, including all students, faculty members, and staff living and working on our campuses.
- ✓ I know that the University is an integral part of a larger metropolitan community.  
I will follow any city or county directives and will act in ways that respect the health and well being of our neighbors in the City of Rochester and surrounding area.
- ✓ I understand that requirements may change according to new evidence and circumstances.
- ✓ I am committed to my own health and safety, the health and safety of the University community, and our broader Rochester community.
- ✓ I understand that if I decide not to follow requirements, it may affect my ability to continue to live or study on campus or to use other resources on our campuses.

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## If I...

### **Have symptoms of COVID-19**

I will immediately contact University Health Service and comply with all instructions that I am given.

### **Am exposed to someone with COVID-19**

I will comply with quarantine protocols.

### **Test positive for COVID-19**

I will comply with the University's as well as New York State's public health and isolation directives.



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## Testing, Screening, and Tracing

*The University is taking multiple measures to limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19.*

- ✓ I will participate in COVID-19 testing upon arrival and during the semester if required by New York State or by the University.
- ✓ Every day that I will be on campus or in a University building, I will use the [Dr. Chat Bot app](#) to complete the mandatory online health screening. I will answer truthfully, knowing that the University's interest in this information is for the protection of my health and the health of the community.
- ✓ If I test positive for COVID-19, I will provide complete and truthful information to contact tracers.



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## Masking, Distancing, and Hygiene

*The most reliable means to limit the spread of COVID-19 include wearing masks that cover the nose and mouth; maintaining a distance of several feet from others; and hand washing.*

- ✓ I will wear a facial covering in all University facilities, including workplaces, classrooms, dining facilities (unless eating), residential halls (except in my assigned room), and on University grounds when I am unable to maintain physical distancing.
- ✓ When I must remove my mask, as in dining halls or bathrooms, I will do so according to the posted guidelines.
- ✓ I will follow physical distancing guidelines as posted.
- ✓ I will practice good hygiene, including frequent and thorough hand washing.
- ✓ I will cooperate with facilities staff by using the disinfecting supplies that will be provided in order to clean high-touch spaces such as desks, tables, keyboards, and other equipment after I use them.



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## Travel

- ✓ I will remain within a 100-mile radius of the University for the in-residence period of the fall 2020 semester, unless it is an authorized essential University-related travel, or if I have a family emergency.
- ✓ If I must travel outside the Rochester area, the state, or the country, I will abide by all applicable rules, including state or federal directives, which may include testing and quarantine.



# Guests and Gatherings

The University's policies on guests and gatherings are informed by the most recent requirements from the [New York State Department of Health](#).

- ✓ I understand that guests are not permitted on our campuses unless they have been invited by the University. I will not invite personal guests to visit me on campus.

## **If I am living in University housing, including graduate and family housing:**

- ✓ I understand that guests are not allowed in my residential space. Guests to a residence hall include anyone not living at my residence: including family members who are not already living with me and other students who live in other campus halls and campus housing or commute.
- ✓ I will only access my residence hall and will not seek to enter other campus residence halls or campus housing.

## **If I am living off campus in a non-University owned or operated residence:**

- ✓ I understand that inviting guests into my residence and holding gatherings raises the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19. I will adhere to any city and county directives and act in a way that is in the best interest of my health and the health of my community.

## Accountability

**I understand that access to on-campus facilities and University Housing is a privilege that may be revoked if I am unwilling to abide by this Commitment or any measure implemented to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community.**

