



---

University of Rochester

# COVID-19 Community Commitment

As faculty, staff, and postdoctoral researchers 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.

Every one of us has the responsibility to act in ways that reduce the potential spread of this virus. We agree to this shared Commitment, which is based on directives from New York State and from public health experts, including those at our nationally distinguished Medical Center.

**#URCommitment**

---

# As Members of the University Community

- ✓ We understand that the University of Rochester has adopted requirements, informed by the best available evidence at this time, to protect the health of our community, including all students, faculty members, post-docs, and staff studying or working on our campuses.
- ✓ We recognize that those of us who work in [patient care settings](https://sites.mc.rochester.edu/urmc-operations/urmc-redesigned) (https://sites.mc.rochester.edu/urmc-operations/urmc-redesigned) are accountable to different and sometimes more stringent health and safety expectations.
- ✓ We recognize that protocols and requirements may change according to new evidence and circumstances, and we will take actions to remain informed about these changes through the University's [COVID-19 website](https://rochester.edu/coronavirus-update) (rochester.edu/coronavirus-update).
- ✓ We are committed to our own individual health and safety, the health and safety of the University community, and that of our broader Rochester community; we will act in ways that preserve our own health, the health and well-being of our University community, and that of our neighbors in the city of Rochester and surrounding area.
- ✓ We agree to follow the latest University requirements and guidelines for mask wearing, physical distancing, and sanitizing and will complete a daily health screening through [Dr. Chat Bot](https://healthlab.urmc.rochester.edu/UniversityHealthScreen) (https://healthlab.urmc.rochester.edu/UniversityHealthScreen) every day we will be on campus.
- ✓ We understand that travel raises the risks of contracting and spreading COVID-19. If embarking on personal travel, we pledge to consider these risks and abide by all state and local requirements, which may include quarantine.
- ✓ If we feel ill or have any symptoms of COVID-19, we agree to stay home to protect the health and safety of everyone.
- ✓ We understand that if any member of our community does not follow health guidelines and requirements, it affects the ability of others among us to work, teach, research, and learn safely.
- ✓ In holding one another accountable, we will assume the good intentions of our fellow community members and treat every person with respect.