

## Mount Aloysius College Fall 2020 Student Agreement

In order to enhance the likelihood of a successful reopening this fall, all students must commit to follow the [Mountie Compact](#) in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19. This Agreement is intended to provide our community with greater awareness as to what is expected in terms of a commitment to these standards, in order to reduce the risk of the incidence and spread of COVID-19 on campus.

All students returning to campus for instruction must commit to the expectations outlined below. Please discuss these expectations, and the rationale for them, with your parents or guardians before signing. Any student who persistently and willfully disregards these requirements will be subject to probation or dismissal from the College.

Our goal is to have every community member understand how interconnected we all are, especially when it comes to managing through COVID-19. It is up to each of us to conscientiously do our part in order to have a safe and successful year.

**Testing:** Mount Aloysius College is partnering with the Juniata College testing lab to provide and run our tests and has developed a testing plan that includes:

- Baseline testing of all students that are coming from higher risk areas.
- Ongoing testing will occur throughout the semester for high risk groups.
- Students that are symptomatic will be able to be tested on campus.

This plan for testing will be supplemented by self-screening for all students, including regular health checks in conjunction with the Health Center. All students will be expected to:

- Pre-screen themselves before returning to Mount Aloysius College
- Engage in daily health monitoring all semester using the Course Key app.

**Baseline Testing:** All students that are considered a high risk group will undergo baseline testing upon arrival. Baseline testing refers to establishing a baseline, or starting point, for the level of infection with COVID-19 on campus at the beginning of the semester. While any test is simply a “snapshot,” or “moment in time,” testing higher risk students at the very start of the academic year offers a greater opportunity to identify and appropriately isolate a student who might bring the virus here. Students included in baseline testing will need to be quarantined in their rooms after arrival on campus until the test results are returned, at which point students who test negative will be released from quarantine. We hope that test results will be available within 24-48 hours. Research suggests that the vast majority of students tested at the outset will be negative.

Students who test positive on arrival will have two options. They will be asked to return home and isolate themselves until they are cleared, or they may be relocated temporarily to an isolation room on- or off-campus if home is not an option, as determined by the College, until (1) at least 10 days have passed since symptoms began, (2) there has been no fever for 72 hours, and (3) the student no longer has symptoms.

The College will require isolation for students who test positive even if they are asymptomatic (showing no signs of the disease). It is important to find and isolate these students early on, because they can be carriers of the infection and transmit it to others without even being aware they have it.

**Ongoing Testing throughout the Semester:** During the course of the semester, every week, the College will conduct regular and ongoing testing. This testing will include any student who has symptoms of COVID-19, as well as students who have been in contact with a person who has the disease and/or tests positive—a critical part of “contact tracing.” This phase of testing may also include students who are at higher risk of COVID-19 infection and students selected entirely at random.

Students tested in this manner will receive instructions from the Health Center on what to do in the time between testing and when the results of the tests are known. Some students may be placed in quarantine until the results are returned.

Our planning and approach to testing reflects extensive study and deliberations, **but no plan can eliminate the risks associated with COVID-19**. Like colleges and universities across the country, Mount Aloysius College will likely see cases of COVID-19 on campus. Our planning is intended to mitigate the risk of the virus spreading on campus, which requires every member of our campus to abide by and uphold the plan’s protocols.

**I Agree to Protect Myself:**

- I agree to sanitize my hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer thoroughly and frequently throughout the day.
- I agree to maintain a physical distance of six feet from other people in communal spaces on campus.
- I agree to Monitor symptoms of COVID-19 and contact a medical professional if I experience fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell. Contact Health Services with any symptoms, questions or concerns.
- I agree to use the Course Key App daily to monitor my symptoms.
- I agree, if determined by the college, to be tested for COVID-19 upon my return to campus and will quarantine in a designated location until the results are returned.
- I understand the College will engage in ongoing testing throughout the semester in order to contain the spread of the virus. The testing will include students who are symptomatic, students from higher risk groups, and some students selected at random. I understand the College Health Center may call me in for testing at any time and I agree to be tested by the Health Center upon request.
- I agree to clean my room regularly and disinfect surfaces.
- I agree to restrict my travel to essential trips only. I understand the College strongly discourages students from traveling beyond the immediate Cambria County area. Exceptions include travel for healthcare, employment, and emergency situations.

### **I Agree to Protect Our Community:**

- I agree to **wear a mask or protective gear** that covers my nose and mouth everywhere on campus, except when in my residence hall room with assigned roommates, in residence hall bathrooms, when exercising outdoors, or when eating.
- I understand that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus, therefore I agree to avoid crowded places and avoid mass gatherings on- and off- campus.
- I agree to **stay home if I feel sick or have concern about exposure to the virus**. I will not attend class and will contact Health Services immediately.
- I agree to social distance by maintaining 6 feet apart from other community members especially when near older community members
- I agree to **carefully follow campus signage** for hallways, stairwell, and building entrance, exit and traffic pattern signs.
- I agree to practice physical distancing when meeting in smaller groups and will wear my face covering. I will follow the college signage regarding the number of people allowed in public spaces (lounges, laundry rooms, elevator, etc).
- I understand that bringing students/visitors that do not live in my room, hall, building or campus could create a health risk to my community. I agree to not bring visitors into the residence halls. Non-building residents, including outside guests, non-residential staff, and others are prohibited from entering a residential building. Overnight guests are also not permitted.
- Due to the size of the rooms and the inability to practice social distance, I agree that no one other than my roommate will be permitted in my room.
- I agree to utilize outdoor community areas in order to gather or socialize with friends while maintaining appropriate physical distance.