

Mount Aloysius College Spring 2021 Student Agreement

In order to enhance the likelihood of a successful, in-person spring semester and to mitigate risks associated with COVID-19, all students must commit to follow the [Mountie Compact](#). This Agreement is intended to provide our community with greater awareness as to what is expected in terms of a commitment to these standards.

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. *Any student who persistently and willfully disregards these requirements (e.g., not wearing a mask, allowing non-roommates into your room) will be subject to documentation of the incident resulting in a referral to the student conduct system, which may ultimately result in probation, suspension 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 successful semester. 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 this spring. 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.

Testing: Mount Aloysius College Health Services will administer COVID-19 testing and conduct lab work on our COVID-19 tests, and will resume surveillance testing as soon as students return to campus. In order to return to the residence halls, all residential students are required to:

- Present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to return, or
- Present documentation of a positive diagnostic result for COVID-19 from the prior 90-day period, or
- Present documentation of a validated COVID-19 vaccination (both doses).

In the absence of such documentation, students are not permitted to move into their residence hall room. No other documentation or status relieves any individual from any requirements of the Mount Aloysius College policies related to the pandemic.

Students must inform the Health Services Office of any known contacts with COVID-19 positive individuals, of any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or of a positive test result for

COVID-19 (this notification to Mount Aloysius College does not replace reporting to a health care provider or local health department).

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

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

Baseline Testing: All residential students will undergo baseline testing within 72 hours prior to their specified arrival date on campus. Students will also be tested as part of the move-in process on their arrival date, as well as receive another test 7-10 days later.

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 residential students at the start of the semester offers a greater opportunity to identify and appropriately isolate a student who might bring the virus here.

In addition, all residential students will engage in the process of “soft-quarantine” in their rooms after arrival on campus, up until February 1 2021, the first day of in-person classes. During this period, students will be allowed to leave their room for essential activities but must remain on campus.

Essential activities include:

- Picking up food from the dining hall
- Going on a walk/run around campus alone or with others while staying more than 6 feet apart at all times.
- Using the gym at the ACWC - must follow all posted guidelines for use

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, if home is not an option, as determined by the College, they may be relocated temporarily to an isolation room on- or off-campus until (1) at least 10 days have passed since symptoms began, (2) there has been no fever for 24 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 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, the College will conduct regular and ongoing testing every week. 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,”

- Random testing for some of our higher risk groups including student athletes and clinical students, and
- Random testing for faculty/staff and students who are not part of any high risk group.

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 CourseKey App daily to monitor my symptoms.
- 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 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.

For students living in residence halls only

- I agree to present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to return, or present documentation of a positive diagnostic result for COVID-19 from the prior 90-day period, or present documentation of a validated COVID-19 vaccination (both doses).
- I agree to be tested for COVID-19 by Health Services Staff upon my return to campus as well as be tested for COVID-19 by the Health Services Staff 7-10 days later.
- 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 agree to utilize outdoor community areas in order to gather or socialize with friends while maintaining appropriate physical distance.

For students living in residence halls only

- 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 and ultimately result in a student conduct violation. 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.