

Princeton University's Social Contract for Spring 2021

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View the Princeton University's social contract for students for Spring 2021 semester below. For any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Campus Life at camplife@princeton.edu

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"We aim to foster a sense of shared experience and common purpose, along with a collective responsibility for each other's well-being and for the well-being of the University as a whole."

--Rights, Rules, Responsibilities 2020

Now more than ever, we must *all* share the responsibility for keeping our community safe.

Princeton prides itself on offering an educational experience that is highly responsive to individual student needs, inclinations, and ambitions. But the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic require a shift in our priorities. Our policies—and our actions—must be governed by a public health perspective, focused on the well-being and safety of the community as a whole (students, faculty, and staff) rather than on individual preference.

If we are to meet our goal of providing an in-person educational experience as safely as possible, we must all adjust how we conduct ourselves in our community. To reduce the risk to those on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods, students who will be living on campus or who live off campus in the surrounding community and have been approved to be on campus must commit to following federal, state, and local public health guidelines, as well as Princeton's rules for conduct both on and off campus, as outlined in the following Social Contract.

***Please read the following Social Contract carefully.
By initialing each section and signing at the bottom,
you agree to abide by the terms of the Social Contract.***

The University's plans for the spring 2021 semester are subject to change. The University reserves the right to change its plans and the terms of this Social Contract at any time to reflect such changes, which may be informed by federal, state, and local directives and guidelines, as well as public health recommendations and guidance. We expect students to follow closely all information distributed by the University.

Before arriving on-campus I will:

- Have received a flu shot this fall - any time between August 15, 2020 and at least 2 weeks before arriving on campus.
- Complete a suite of online components which, in addition to this Contract, include an online training module and flu shot documentation. (An e-mail will be sent to you in mid-December with a link to these portals.)
- Monitor my health for COVID-related symptoms for 14 days prior to my arrival.
- Comply with the immunization requirements set by the State of New Jersey and the University as detailed at Princeton's University Health Services' Required and Recommended Immunizations
< <https://uhs.princeton.edu/medical-services/immunizations-allergy-shots/required-recommended-immunizations> >
- Move into my dormitory room on the date and time interval for which I registered.
- Delay traveling to campus if I am feeling ill or have signs of any illness.

As a student enrolled during the spring 2021 semester who will be living on campus or has been approved to be on campus and living in the surrounding community, I will:

- Participate in Princeton's mandatory Monitoring and Testing Program which includes:
 - Being tested for the virus that causes COVID-19 upon my arrival on campus.
 - Participating in COVID-19 testing twice per week at the beginning of the semester and follow testing frequencies as they are adjusted during the course of the semester at the University's discretion.
 - Cooperating with contact tracing inquiries within 26 hours by, among other things, responding to texts and calls from contact tracers and answering all questions about my contacts honestly and completely.
 - Complying with any instructions to isolate or quarantine made by the University Health Services (UHS) and being available daily for a clinician to check on my health status via secure email, phone, or both.
 - Contacting UHS
< <https://uhs.princeton.edu/node/2786> >
immediately to seek an evaluation or to arrange for testing when I experience symptoms that suggest COVID-19.
- Commit to staying in quarantine for 14 days when I arrive on campus and to following the University's Arrival Protocol, which includes a test upon arriving on campus, subsequently staying in my rooms until I receive a negative result, and then a period of on-campus arrival restrictions for the balance of the 14-day period.
- Monitor my health daily by using the University's symptom tracker, available on the TigerSafe app
< <https://emergency.princeton.edu/stay-connected/tigersafe> >
and if I'm not feeling well, stay in my dorm room or off-campus room alone. If I am not feeling well, I agree not to attend in-person classes, meetings or activities, but participate only remotely.
- Wear a face covering (mask) over my nose and mouth in all University facilities, including workplaces, classrooms, dining facilities (unless eating), and on University grounds (that is, outside) in compliance with the Face Coverings policy. If I reside on campus, I agree to wear a face covering in residence halls and residential college facilities (except when alone in my assigned room).
- Wear a face covering off campus (including in town on public streets and in shops, restaurants, etc.) and follow government requirements regarding face coverings while off-campus.

- Physically distance, maintaining at least six feet/two meters separation between myself and others in all University facilities/grounds.
- Observe all guidelines for dining (grab-and-go, outdoor dining, or eating at assigned appropriately distanced indoor seating) if I live on campus and/or eat on the mandatory campus dining plan.
- Not host any off-campus guests in my campus residence, including family members, romantic partners, or any students who are not currently residing on campus.
- Not host more than two resident student guests in my room/suite at a time, and not attend any gathering in any dormitory room/suite where there are more than two guests (other than the host). I will maintain physical distancing and wear face coverings at any such gathering.
- Not provide access to residential colleges and dormitories to anyone not residing on campus.
- Not host or attend any in-person gatherings on campus, outdoors or in indoor common spaces, with more than five people unless sponsored by the University or otherwise indicated by official, visibly displayed COVID-19 room occupancy limits. I will follow physical distancing guidelines in such spaces.
- Abide by the rules restricting student organization in-person events and will not organize or attend such events unless approved by the University.
- Agree not to provide access to other non-residential University buildings to anyone.
- Agree not to host or attend any in-person gatherings off campus with more than five people.
- Act as an active bystander and remind people of community standards and expectations if I see violations of the Social Contract.
- Adhere to other health and safety practices recommended or required by the University, such as frequent hand-washing
< <https://youtu.be/B5Aj1dNz0oo> >
- Remain in the Princeton area as much as possible as travel will be highly restricted.

Where a student believes they may be unable to comply with any of the requirements in the Social Contract, the student should consult with their residential college director of student life in advance of returning to campus. Where a student seeks a reasonable accommodation with respect to any of the Social Contract requirements, the student should consult with the Office of Disability Services (ODS) in advance of returning to campus.

"The primary purposes of regulations and discipline in a university are to protect the well-being of the community and to advance its educational mission by defining and establishing certain norms of behavior."

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Accountability and Responsibility:

I understand that to protect the campus community and myself, I must abide by the rules set forth in this Social Contract, and understand that they may be modified by the University from time to time. I understand that violations of the Social Contract deemed significant by the University, including those related to quarantining, isolating, hosting unpermitted visitors in residences, and hosting prohibited in-person gatherings will normally result in removal from campus as well as other disciplinary action. In addition, I understand that repeated infractions related to wearing face coverings, physical distancing, or testing will result in disciplinary action and, if serious, may also result in removal from campus. All alleged violations of the Social Contract and/or other conduct policies will be adjudicated through Princeton's established disciplinary process set forth in Rights, Rules, Responsibilities.

To Report Non-Compliance with University Guidelines or Policies (and Federal, State, Local or University Requirements)

I will pursue one or more of the following:

- Report non-compliant students to my residential college Director of Student Life or to the Department of Public Safety
- Report anonymously to EthicsPoint
< <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/27291/index.html> >
if the violation concerns lab practices, classrooms, or other instruction-related spaces, or if I am concerned about retaliation for reporting.
- Report non-students in violation of our community standards to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Reporting to DPS should be primarily considered for instances where there is the possibility of immediate harm or an emergency.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the rules set forth in the Social Contract. I acknowledge that Princeton University cannot eliminate the risk of illness during a global pandemic. I voluntarily accept the risks associated with residing on campus and participating in instructional and co-curricular in-person, on-campus activities.