

NORWICH UNIVERSITY
COVID-19 Student Behavioral Contract
Spring 2021 Semester

Maintaining the health and welfare of all students, faculty and staff of Norwich University is always our top priority. In order to provide effective protection for all concerned in the current COVID-19 pandemic environment, it is essential that all students read and agree to this imperative behavioral contract.

1. If I exhibit symptoms associated with the COVID-19 virus (i.e., fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea), I will contact the Norwich University Student Health Center (802) 485-2552, as soon as possible for additional screening and I will cooperate with public health contact tracing efforts.
2. If I have been in close contact (i.e., closer than six feet without a mask for more than 15 minutes) with a person who is, or becomes, COVID-19 positive, I will contact the Norwich University Student Health Center (802) 485-2552 as soon as possible and will follow instructions on isolation, quarantine periods and additional testing/screening. I will notify my faculty and continue my courses in an online mode.
3. In regards to personal protective equipment (PPE), I will abide by the posted regulations of the specific campus areas that I am physically visiting.
4. Unless guidance is revised otherwise by the State of Vermont or Norwich University authority, I will adhere strictly to the Norwich University COVID-19 Mask Policy. I will wear a mask or cloth facial covering appropriately placed over my nose and mouth any time I am in classrooms and labs as well as in all public areas, indoors or outdoors, especially in congregate areas and when I may come in contact with others from where it may not be possible to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet at all times.
5. While in the residence halls/barracks, I will abide by the specific regulations of that particular facility to include maximum occupancy rules. I will be fully aware of the posted specific regulations in regards to lounge areas, latrines, shower facilities and the applicable visitor policies in effect at that time. I will adhere to all household limitations as defined by the state of Vermont and Norwich University.
6. I will review and abide by the safety procedures of the following common campus areas: classrooms, library, weight rooms, exercise areas, White Chapel, Mack Auditorium, Wise Campus Center, meeting rooms, bookstore, barbershop, uniform store, swimming pool and all athletic venues, including the Shaw Outdoor Center.
7. When in off-campus settings (whether as a visitor or as a commuter student), I will continue to maintain physical distancing and mask standards with my fellow classmates and the members of the local Northfield and surrounding communities. This specifically includes my visitation at any off-campus home or facility for any reason.
8. I agree to follow health assessment procedures, as specified by Norwich University and/or the Vermont Department of Health, to include periodic testing, temperature and symptom screening, and the Daily Health Assessment. I understand and agree that I will complete the Daily Health Assessment and may be asked to show my clearance screen before entering classrooms or any other public location on campus such as Kreitzberg Library, the Wise Campus Center, and the COVID testing site.

I understand that I will be notified of my requirement to test or quarantine via my @stu.norwich.edu email address and agree to check that email each day while in residence.

9. I understand that I will be restricted to campus for the Spring 2021 semester and that I will not leave campus unless I have a legitimate reason, pre-approved in writing by the Commandant or Dean of Students. I understand that this restriction may be relaxed later in the semester pending the State's guidelines respective to the COVID-19 pandemic.
10. If I am a commuter student or a residential student with a medically or academically mandated and approved reason for traveling off campus, I recognize that my off-campus interactions at home and in the community where I reside or travel to, may increase my number of contacts on a daily basis. With this understanding, I will give heightened attention to staying informed of Vermont Department of Health and the University's guidance about Coronavirus prevention measures, and will do everything possible to reduce risk of exposure. This includes wearing a mask, frequent hand washing, daily temperature and symptom monitoring, physical distancing and avoiding large gatherings.

11. **BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT VIOLATIONS AND ADJUDICATION:**

Students will be held accountable to expectations outlined in this contract. Administration of this Behavioral Contract and associated actions fall into three main categories:

1. **Failure to comply with directed testing and quarantine protocols:**

- a) Failure to comply with a quarantine or isolation directive from NU Health Services or a university official will result in immediate removal from campus and transition to a remote learning mode without warning.
- b) Failure to test as directed: if a student is directed to test and they fail to appear, they will be reminded two more times. Failure to appear after the third cumulative notice (2nd reminder) will result in immediate removal from campus and transition to a remote learning mode.

2. **Patterns of non-compliance with COVID-19 mitigation measures (social distancing, masks, room capacities, Daily Health Assessment, household restrictions, etc.):**

In reference to items #3, #4, #5, #6 and #8 of the Behavioral Contract, "continual patterns of non-compliance" for these posted requirements will result in immediate removal from campus and transition to a remote learning mode. Generally speaking, one or two violations will be handled with a verbal warning. As it becomes apparent that the subject student is a routine violator, the student will be given written notice. Upon second official written notice, the student will be removed from campus and transitioned to a remote learning mode.

3. **Campus Leave Violations:**

Campus leave violations will result in immediate removal from campus and transition to a remote learning mode without warning. These infractions include, but are not limited to:

- a) Failure to obtain proper approval to leave campus through the lifestyle-based approval process
- b) Failure to remain within restricted geographic areas
- c) Failure to return to campus at the specified time or by curfew
- d) Visiting locations other than what was specified in the leave approval process
- e) Failure to follow self-quarantine, testing, return and reintegration to campus, or other directives from university officials

I understand that these measures are for both my own safety and the safety of the wider Norwich and central Vermont community. I understand that following these expectations and protocols will directly impact the health and wellbeing of my peers, the campus community, Central Vermont and the State of

Vermont at large. I understand it is my responsibility to follow these guidelines with all due respect and seriousness.

Disregarding the above safety precautions places the entire Norwich community at risk. If I do not comply with the above safety rules, I understand that I may be subject to discipline. I also understand that Norwich University may determine that I must continue my studies off-campus through remote learning.

If I have questions about the items specified above, I will contact the office associated with my lifestyle:

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Office of the Commandant: ksmith1@norwich.edu, (802) 485-2135