

COVID-19 TEMPORARY ADDENDUM TO THE STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

Subject: Social Behavior Code on Student Engagement

Institution: Shawnee State University

Shawnee State University is committed to creating a vibrant, robust out of classroom student experience where students learn about themselves and others, experience meaningful connections, and realize their peak potential. In doing so, we reinforce our primary goals of delivering quality, effective student services while caring genuinely for students and investing in their personal and academic success.

This addendum has been temporarily added to the Shawnee State University Student Conduct Code for all campus spaces in response to COVID-19 to increase safety and accountability among students and visitors of students. This addendum is effective (date) and will remain active until further notice. Any revisions or removal of this addendum will be made clear through an email notice to all Shawnee State University students.

The policies below specifically outline expectations for student behavior on campus.

Policies

The Reopening Task Force, in collaboration with other departments, has determined the following set of procedures in the interest of student and community safety. No student may return to campus without signing a Social Behavior Form, agreeing to campus safety precautions. Violations of these policies will be reported and handled through the student conduct process.

Social Distancing

Students are expected to maintain six feet of distance from one another under all reasonable circumstances. This policy applies to all university owned and managed properties, including all classrooms, indoor and outdoor gathering spaces, the University Center, the Bears Den, Clark Memorial Library, and Offices. Members of the Shawnee State University community are responsible for reading and adhering to posted information about gathering limits and distancing while on campus or at an SSU sponsored event. Residence hall visitation will be restricted to SSU students only.

Use of Personal Protective Equipment

Students are required to wear face coverings in all spaces on campus and outside of their residence hall room to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations. Members of the campus community found not wearing a mask will be asked to retrieve and don their masks.

Mask requirements:

- At all times when in public areas or shared spaces within buildings including hallways and classrooms
- Outdoors when near others where social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained
- All guests at all times in residence hall common areas or shared spaces within units that are not your own unit.
- At any SSU sponsored event, even if not on SSU grounds. This includes athletic competitions.

There are situations where a facemask is not required or cannot be worn due to the type of activity or factors related to the environment.

Examples include:

- While eating or drinking
- While in your assigned residence hall. This exception does not apply to guests in your unit, or when you are visiting other units.
- During physical exertion, such as manual labor, running or athletic training
- Outdoors with more than six feet of continuous separation between all people
- Other physical limitations or conditions that preclude an individual from wearing a mask. For exceptions, contact the Dean of Students or the Office of Accessibility Services.

Workspaces

Cleaning products and towels will be provided in each space. Students will clean their workspace before class.

Programming

In-person programming will be restricted to the number of individuals advisable by public health officials and by state mandates. In-person attendance to all student events (student organizations, fraternity and sorority events, and intramurals) will be limited. Events should be evaluated to determine if the event can be offered virtually or through a combination of in-person and/or virtual.

Required Quarantine

Students who plan to travel to a location or who arrive on campus after visiting locations with high numbers of positive COVID-19 cases, or those who have since been exposed to someone who tests positive, are required to notify their RA of their situation as soon as possible by calling the MYRA telephone line to limit in-person exposure to the RA. These students will enter a mandatory quarantine. The location of the quarantine will be determined by Residence Life in coordination with the Health Clinic. All students directed by the University to quarantine must do so for 14 days.

Student Health

Students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, dry cough, or difficulty breathing) and those who believe they have been exposed to a person who has tested positive are not permitted to attend any in-person gathering. Students in this situation should contact their instructors for alternative delivery of course content. These students should contact the Health Clinic in Hatcher Hall.

Failure to Comply

Students are required to comply with clearly indicated safety precautions and reasonable requests of University employees and law enforcement. Students who continue to disregard the rules set in this addendum will be disciplined through the student conduct system.

Reporting

The policies listed in the COVID-19 addendum exist solely to protect the Shawnee State University community. Failure to abide puts all members of the community at risk. Any student, faculty, or staff member may report a possible violation by:

1. Contacting the Dean of Students.
2. Contact the Residence Life On-Call Staff. Incidents occurring in residence locations may be reported to the Residence Life staff member on call.
3. Complete a Reporting Form (found on the Dean of Students website)
4. Calling the Department of Public Safety after business hours.

When calling, please be prepared to share the location of the incident, names of the involved party, a description of the incident, and any relevant evidence.

Student Conduct Process

Students alleged of violating COVID-19 policies, per the Student Conduct Code, have the right to due process through a student conduct hearing.

Applicable Student Code violations:

- SCC:C.5-Disorderly or disruptive conduct that interferes with University authorized activities, including teaching, research, administration, and/or other activities conducted, sponsored, and/or permitted by the University
- SCC:C.13.b.- Failing to comply with a directive to disperse by University officials, law enforcement or emergency personnel
- SCC: E.1-Failure to comply with sanction(s) imposed by a Conduct Officer.
- SCC: E.3- Continued infraction of the SCC.