

## **Student Behavioral Expectations in Response to COVID-19**

### **Purpose**

The University of Florida seeks to support and advance student success while prioritizing the health, safety and welfare of all members of the campus community, including faculty, staff, students, vendors and visitors. This policy provides a framework for how we will care for one another, practice healthy and protective behaviors and commit to learning and discovery. This policy reinforces existing University of Florida policies, local and state law and guidance from health officials.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all UF students and student organizations as defined below and all conduct by students and student organizations occurring on or off the University campus.

### **Behavioral Expectations in Response to Covid-19**

Students and student organizations must adhere to published University of Florida policies and regulations, local and state, and other applicable regulations, guidelines, laws and orders. Students and student organizations must remain informed concerning policies, regulations, guidelines, laws, orders and community health needs which may change in response to COVID-19. The University of Florida's approach is to educate and engage community members, including students and student organizations, who are expected to take responsibility to be educated and engaged.

Every University student and student organization must:

- Wear a mask or cloth face covering in UF and UF Health facilities as required by the University's [Masking and Physical Distancing policy](#).
  - Wear a face covering in UF outdoor spaces when the space does not allow for appropriate physical distancing as required by the University's [Masking and Physical Distancing policy](#).
  - Follow all University published guidance on events and gatherings, including the [Campus Events and Gatherings in response to COVID-19 policy](#).
  - Comply immediately with a request from a University official addressing health, safety or welfare such as a request to wear a face covering, maintain physical distancing or comply with other applicable law, policy or order while on University property, inside a University facility or attending a University sponsored event.
- Follow all COVID-19 related published policies, guidelines, laws and orders issued by the county, city, state or other applicable agency while on and off campus. If a county or city ordinance conflicts with a University policy, University policy will control on the University campus.

### **Policy Enforcement**

Behavioral expectations are reinforced through the University of Florida's three-tiered approach: Education, Engagement and Enforcement.

- **Education** takes place at all levels of the University and may include informing others of regulations, policies and guidance.
- **Engagement** reinforces education and provides direction to correct behavior, clarify enforcement mechanisms and end behavior that poses an immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of community members.
- **Enforcement** of behavioral expectations to abide by University regulations and policy, state and local law and the instructions of officials can be carried out by any designee of the Vice President of Student Affairs or other appropriate University Official.

Enforcement of behavior found to be a violation of the Student Conduct Code may result in sanctions such as loss of privileges associated with being a University of Florida student or student organization, including suspension and expulsion.

## Definitions

*Faculty:* All positions identified as Academic Personnel in the [University of Florida Regulation 7.003 Academic Personnel Employment Plan](#).

*Off-Campus Conduct:* Conduct that may have an adverse impact on the health, safety or welfare of people, property, the University Community or the pursuit of its objectives, regardless of where such conduct occurs, even if off campus, in accordance with [University of Florida Regulation 4.040](#).

*Staff:* Any regular, non-exempt or exempt employee in research, academic or administrative positions, including Technical, Executive, Administrative and Managerial Support (TEAMS) staff; University Support Personnel System (USPS) staff; and Other Support Personnel (OSP) as defined in [University of Florida Regulation 1.100](#).

*Student:* Any person admitted, enrolled or registered for any University Program, regardless of the medium of the program or degree-seeking status, or when not enrolled or registered for a particular term, who is eligible to enroll in future terms without seeking readmission as defined in [University of Florida Regulation 4.040](#).

*Student Organization:* An association or group of persons that has complied with the formal requirements for University recognition or is in the formal process of obtaining recognition as defined in [University of Florida Regulation 4.040](#).

*University Campus:* All land, buildings, facilities, and other property the University possesses, owns, leases, operates, supervises, or controls, including adjacent streets and sidewalks as defined in [University of Florida Regulation 4.040](#).

*University Official:* Any person the University employs, contracts or appoints to perform assigned teaching, research, administrative, professional, or other responsibilities as defined in [University of Florida Regulation 4.040](#).

## Resources

The following resources are provided to foster education and engagement and provided with the recognition that this resource list is not exhaustive:

- **Policies and Regulations:**

[Housing and Residence Life Community Standards](#)

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

- **UF and Community Published Guidelines:**

Academic

Health and Safety: Guidelines for Being on Campus

[Campus Events and Gatherings in Response to Covid-19](#)

[Masking and Physical Distancing](#)

[Public Transportation](#)

- **State, City, County and other local orders/advisement related to COVID-19:**

[Alachua County Board of Commissioners](#)

[Florida Governor](#)

[Florida Department of Health](#)

[Gainesville City Commission](#)

[State University System of Florida](#)