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.

Self-Quarantine and Self-Isolation Requirements

A student that has been tested and is awaiting COVID-19 results, that has been identified as ‘close contacts’ (as determined by a public health official) of someone who tested positive, or who received a positive COVID-19 test result is required to Self-Quarantine or Self-Isolate in accordance with the following behavioral requirements:
**Self-Quarantine is required for the following students:** Students with symptoms awaiting COVID-19 test results and students who are ‘close contacts’ (as determined by a public health official) of someone who tested positive.

- Students who meet the requirements for self-quarantine will be considered not cleared for campus for the period of quarantine. If a student is not cleared for campus, they are prohibited from attending in-person classes or student events, or using campus facilities, including the libraries, Newell Hall and the Reitz Union. Students may still attend virtual classes. Facilities with swipe access, such as recreation centers, will automatically deny access to students who are withheld. Students not cleared for campus may attend virtual events and programs and may access virtual services.

**Self-Isolation is required for the following students:** Students who tested positive for COVID-19.

- Students who meet the requirements for self-isolation will be considered not cleared for campus for the period of isolation. If a student is not cleared for campus, they are prohibited from attending in-person classes or student events, or using campus facilities, including the libraries, Newell Hall and the Reitz Union. Students may still attend virtual classes. Facilities with swipe access, such as recreation centers, will automatically deny access to students who are withheld. Students not cleared for campus may attend virtual events and programs and may access virtual services.

**Additional Requirements for On-Campus and Off-Campus Student Housing**

**University Housing:**

- Students must stay in their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation bedroom. If a student is assigned to an apartment-style self-quarantine or self-isolation space, they may be present in the assigned apartment living room and restroom while wearing a mask and physically distancing from their roommate(s), 6 feet or more where feasible.
- Students must not leave their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation room except to use the restroom facilities on their assigned floor, to obtain food delivery from the designated common space within the building, or to attend required medical treatment or testing.
- A mask must always be worn, and physical distancing should be maintained, 6 feet or more where feasible, while outside of the assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation bedroom, unless showering or brushing teeth.
- Students are prohibited from having guests or visitors in their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation room, apartment or building, even if those visitors are also in self-quarantine or self-isolation.
- Students must not leave the self-quarantine or self-isolation building until the self-quarantine or self-isolation period has concluded as communicated by UF Health Screen, Test & Protect or other public health officials.
- Students must not attend in-person classes, events or gatherings during the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation. Students may still attend virtual classes.
• Students are prohibited from visiting their original housing assignment or building until the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation concludes.
• If a student chooses to go home to their permanent residence, they must communicate that to UF Housing staff in writing prior to leaving and are not permitted to return to their room assignment until cleared to return back to campus by UF Health Screen, Test & Protect.

Greek Housing:

• The university strongly encourages organizations to quarantine or isolate Sorority and Fraternity house residents in hotels or off-campus private residences.
• If a Greek organization in good standing with the university chooses to use their residential house as a quarantine/isolation space, the organization must comply with all public health requirements, laws and local ordinances. The organization is required to provide written notice to the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs that they will be using the residential facility as a quarantine/isolation space. By choosing to use the facility as a quarantine/isolation space, the organization is prohibited from having any non-residents inside the facility while any residents of the facility are quarantining or isolating, as well as the requirements listed below:
  o Students must stay in their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation bedroom.
  o Students must not leave their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation bedroom except to use the restroom facilities on their assigned floor, to obtain food delivery or prepared to-go meals from the designated common space within the building, or to attend required medical treatment or testing while wearing a mask and physically distancing from others, 6 feet or more where feasible.
  o Students may not be present in common areas, including but not limited to: dining rooms, lounges, living rooms, study spaces, recreation areas, courtyards, porches, libraries, etc.
  o A mask must always be worn and physical distancing should be maintained, 6 feet or more where feasible, while outside of the assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation bedroom, unless showering or brushing teeth.
  o Students are prohibited from having guests or visitors in their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation bedroom, even if those visitors are also in self-quarantine or self-isolation.
  o Students must not leave the self-quarantine or self-isolation building until the self-quarantine or self-isolation period has concluded as communicated by UF Health Screen, Test & Protect or other public health officials.
  o Students must not attend in-person classes, events or gatherings during the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation. Students may still attend virtual classes.
  o If the house is used as a quarantine/isolation space, meals for non-residential members should only be provided as a to-go option.

Hotel:
• Students must stay in their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation hotel room.
• Students must not leave their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation hotel room except to obtain food delivery from the designated space within the hotel, or to attend required medical treatment or testing.
• A mask must always be worn while outside of the assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation hotel room and physical distancing should be maintained, 6 feet or more where feasible, in accordance with hotel policy and city or county emergency orders.
• Students must not have guests or visitors in their assigned self-quarantine or self-isolation hotel room or on hotel property.
• Students must not leave the self-quarantine or self-isolation hotel until the self-quarantine or self-isolation period has concluded as communicated by UF Health Screen, Test & Protect or other public health officials.
• Students are prohibited from visiting their original housing assignment or building on campus until the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation concludes.
• Students are prohibited from attending in-person classes, events or gatherings on campus during the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation. Students may still attend virtual classes.
• Students are prohibited from visiting any university owned or controlled property until the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation has concluded, unless directed to visit by a UF Health official for the purpose of receiving emergency medical care.
• If a student chooses to end their hotel stay early and go home to their permanent residence, they must communicate that to their designated Student Affairs or Greek organization contact in writing and are not permitted to return to the assigned hotel room or their original room assignment until cleared to return back to campus by UF Health Screen, Test & Protect.

Private Residence:
• Students must stay inside of their off-campus residence unit.
• Students must not leave their off-campus residence unless they are retrieving food delivery from the direct exterior of their residence building or attending required medical treatment or testing.
• A mask must always be worn while outside of the off-campus residence unit.
• Students must not host guests in their off-campus residence unit while any resident of the unit is quarantining or isolating.
• Students must not leave their off-campus residence unit until the self-quarantine or self-isolation period has concluded, as communicated by UF Health Screen, Test & Protect or other public health officials.
• Students are prohibited from attending in-person classes, events or gatherings on campus during the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation. Students may still attend virtual classes.
• Students are prohibited from visiting any university owned or controlled property until the period of self-quarantine or self-isolation has concluded, unless directed to visit by a UF Health official for the purpose of receiving emergency medical care.
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](#).

- **Self-Isolation:** Separating one’s self, if infected with the virus (those who are sick with COVID-19 and those with no symptoms), from people who are not infected. People in isolation should stay home until it’s safe for them to be around others. In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick room" or area and using a separate bathroom (if available). ³

- **Self-Quarantine:** Separating one’s self from others when they might have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from health officials. ⁴

- **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