



## Butler University Student Commitment for Personal and Community Well-being 2020–2021

Butler University is implementing a number of health and safety protocols as we prepare for the 2020-2021 academic year. We want to provide our students with a quality campus life experience while minimizing person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 and protecting those most vulnerable to the disease. As such, we have developed the *Student Commitment for Personal and Community Well-being*, which outlines our behavioral expectations, both in and out of the classroom, for any Butler student on our campus.

By joining us on campus during the 2020–2021 academic year, you agree to adhere to the expectations for behavior detailed below. Further, you agree to adhere to social distancing and use of facial coverings in public for the 14 days prior to your return to the Butler campus.

We recognize that these challenging and unprecedented times call for changes in how we conduct both our institutional operations and our own lives. To be able to prioritize the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community, and to maintain a residential experience for the entirety of the semester, we must all agree—and know that everyone else on campus has agreed—to abide by certain behavioral expectations. The agreements may be modified and further specified over time as changes require, and will be posted on the University’s [COVID-19 website](#), accordingly.

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**I understand**, as a student during the 2020–2021 academic year, that I am an important part of the Butler community and that we are stronger as a community when we all do our part to keep our campus safe. I understand that the health and safety measures I am being asked to undertake are necessary to protect the well-being of others in my community and beyond. I agree to educate myself and abide by all federal, state, city, and Butler University mandates, policies, protocols, and procedures, including those outlined in the *Student Health and Safety Plan*.

**I understand** that by not abiding by these agreements, my behavior could jeopardize the health and safety of others in the Butler community. Violations will be addressed through the Rules of Conduct in the *Student Handbook* and may be grounds for disciplinary review and action by the Office of the Dean of Students.

### Health and Wellness

I AGREE:

- To collaborate with Butler on daily wellness checks, monitoring for symptoms, taking temperature, being tested as recommended by health professionals, and tracking my contacts should I test positive, as part of my public service to protect my fellow students and Butler community members.
- To maintain appropriate (6 feet) social distance from others whenever possible.
- To wear a facial covering as required on campus when in the presence of others, and in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

- To practice good personal hygiene consistent with public health protocols, such as frequent hand washing for 20 seconds, and use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- To follow instructions for isolation and quarantine, including returning home to my permanent residence for self-isolation if I test positive for COVID-19.
- To receive a seasonal flu vaccination, which will be made available from Butler Health Services.

## **Student Life**

I AGREE:

- To participate in University-sponsored student activities virtually as much as possible and, when not virtual, to observe the social distancing guidelines and other COVID-19-related safety protocols adopted by the University.
- To refrain from having any non-Butler students in my on-campus living spaces (for students who live on campus), except as allowed during the residential move-in appointment.
- To minimize visits from off-campus guests and require all visitors to adhere to University health and safety guidance.
- To refrain from organizing, hosting, or attending non-sanctioned events, parties, or other social gatherings off-campus that may cause safety risks to me and other members of the community.
- To acknowledge that drinking alcohol and using other drugs could increase my risk of engaging in risky behavior and/or needing medical treatment, including the increased risk of being exposed to higher-risk contact with others.

## **Campus Engagement**

I AGREE:

- To congregate only in designated outdoor and indoor areas of campus, wearing a facial covering, maintaining adequate physical distance, and complying with all signage.
- To use alcohol-based disinfectant wipes provided throughout campus buildings to clean surfaces with which I come into contact, including but not limited to desks and seats in classrooms.
- To sit only in seats designated and clearly marked as available in classrooms and other campus buildings.
- To follow procedures for entering and exiting classrooms and for entering and exiting rows of seating in classrooms, which will be clearly marked on signs in and around classrooms.
- To follow procedures for entering and exiting campus buildings.

## **Travel**

I AGREE:

- To limit all unnecessary personal travel and adhere to the University's most current guidance on Butler-affiliated travel.
- To comply, *if I must travel*, with quarantine and testing requirements based on guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health and the public health agency of my travel destination.