

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

Butler University implemented a number of health and safety protocols as we began the 2020-2021 academic year. We wanted 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 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.

The Student Commitment has been updated with more detailed information as we prepare for the second half of the academic year. By joining us on campus you agree to adhere to the expectations for behavior detailed below. We recognize that these challenging and ever-changing times call for changes in how we conduct both our institutional operations and our own lives. To be able to prioritize the health and well-being of everyone in our community, and to maintain a residential experience for the entirety of the spring 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 and may be grounds for disciplinary review and action by the Office of the Dean of Students. Violations of this agreement could result in sanctions as outlined in the [Butler Student Handbook](#) up to, and including, suspension or permanent dismissal from campus. Such violations could have significant impact, including cancellation of a student’s campus housing and/or cancellation of course enrollment—resulting in possible loss of paid tuition and fees.

### Health and Wellness

I AGREE:

- To complete my Daily Health Checkup each day before leaving my residence, monitor for symptoms, take my temperature before leaving my residence, be tested as required by Butler University, and track my contacts should I test positive, as part of my public service to protect my fellow students and Butler community members.

- To report to Health Services if I receive a positive test from any off-campus provider or service.
- To stay home or in my residence hall or housing if I have a known COVID-19 exposure. If I live off-campus, I am required to stay home if I am ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If I live on-campus, I am required to return to my permanent address or isolate in Ross Hall if I am ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- To follow instructions for isolation and quarantine as listed on the [Quarantine FAQ](#), including reading all information prior to returning for the spring semester.
- To begin completing the daily health screening 72 hours prior to returning to campus and participate in required COVID-19 testing when returning to campus.
- To maintain appropriate (6 feet) social distance from others whenever possible.
- To wear a face mask on campus when in the presence of others, both indoors and outdoors, regardless of social distance.
- 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.
- If I have not already received a seasonal flu vaccination, I will prior to returning to campus for spring semester 2021.

## 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 and mask guidelines, and other COVID-19-related safety protocols adopted by the University.
- There is a 10-person limit on informal student gatherings outdoors or in a space that can hold 10 people with appropriate social distancing.
- To follow room occupancy and guest guidelines in on-campus living spaces. Students may only have other Butler students as guests in their on-campus residence.
  - **University Apartments:** The guest occupancy is: two guests per apartment in Apartment Village, Butler Terrace, South Campus Apartments, and University Terrace.
  - **Fairview House:** The guest occupancy is: two guests per pod in Fairview.
  - **Irvington House/Residential College:** The guest occupancy is one guest per double room in Irvington/ResCo. When a guest is present in a double room in Irvington/ResCo, only the occupants of that room may be present with a guest (no suitemates may be present while the guest is present). When no guests are present, roommates and suitemates within one suite may be in one double room together.
- That non-Butler visitors are not permitted in any on-campus residence hall or living space (for students who live on campus) and their visits (coming to campus) should be minimized. Any non-Butler visitors must 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 face mask, 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.

## **Acknowledgement**

I understand that updates may be made to this Student Commitment and that updates will be communicated to all Butler students, who will be expected to follow the updated Commitment.

I understand that the University may take appropriate action to enforce the requirements set forth in this Student Commitment, any COVID-19 or infectious disease policy, and community standards including the Student Handbook. Behaviors that violate these expectations and policies may result in a cancellation of a student's campus housing and/or cancellation of course enrollment—resulting in possible loss of paid tuition and fees.