Princeton University
Social Contract
Fall 2020

“We aim to foster a sense of shared experience and common purpose, along with a collective responsibility for each other’s well-being and for the well-being of the University as a whole.”
--Rights, Rules, Responsibilities

Now more than ever, it is imperative that we all share in the responsibility for keeping our community safe.

Princeton prides itself on offering students an educational experience that is highly responsive to individual student needs, inclinations, and ambitions. But the conditions of the COVID-19 global pandemic require a shift in our priorities. Our policies—and our actions—must be governed by a public health perspective, focused on the well-being and safety of the community as a whole (students, faculty, and staff) rather than on individual preference.

If we are to meet our goal of providing an in-person educational experience for as many students as possible as safely as possible, we will all be required to adjust how we conduct ourselves in community. To reduce the risk to those on campus and the surrounding communities, students must commit to following federal, state, and local public health guidelines, as well as Princeton’s expectations for conduct both on and off campus, as outlined in the following Social Contract.

Please read the following agreement carefully.
By signing at the bottom, you are agreeing to abide by the terms of the agreement.

The University’s plans for the upcoming academic year are subject to change. The University reserves the right to update its plans and the terms of this social contract to reflect such changes, which may be informed by public health guidance and governmental regulation. We encourage students to follow closely information distributed by the University throughout the summer.

Before Arriving On-Campus I Will:
• Complete an online training by August 15, 2020 (link will be sent August 1, 2020).
• Monitor my health for COVID-related symptoms for 14 days prior to arrival.
• Make every effort to comply with the immunization requirements set by the State of New Jersey and the University as detailed at Princeton’s University Health Services’ Required and Recommended Immunizations.
• Complete the required risk assessment during the week prior to my return to campus (not before that week).
• Move into my room on the date and time interval for which I registered.
• Delay my plans to arrive on campus if I am feeling ill or have signs of any illness. I will wait until I am fully recovered before traveling to campus.
While On-Campus I Will:

- Participate in Princeton’s mandatory Monitoring and Testing Program which includes:
  - Being tested for the virus that causes COVID-19 on my arrival on campus and following the instructions of University personnel concerning any required quarantine.
  - Participating in periodic testing and monitoring as required by the University.
  - Cooperating with contact tracing inquiries within 24 hours by, among other things, responding to texts and calls from contact tracers and answering all questions about my contacts honestly and completely.
  - Complying with any request to isolate or quarantine made by the University Health Services (UHS) and be available daily for a clinician to check on my health status via secure email, phone, or both.
  - Monitoring my health daily as directed by UHS and staying in my dorm room alone; only participating in classes, events, or meetings remotely if I’m not feeling well.
  - Contacting UHS immediately to seek an evaluation or arrange for testing when I experience symptoms that suggest COVID-19.

- When I arrive on campus, quarantine for 14 days if required by guidance issued by the State of New Jersey.

- Wear face covering (masks) in all University facilities, including workplaces, classrooms, dining facilities (unless eating), and residential halls (except my assigned room) and on University grounds when I am unable to maintain physical distancing.

- Physically distance, maintaining at least six feet/two meters separation between myself and others in all University facilities (except my assigned room).

- Observe all guidelines for dining (grab-and-go, outdoor dining, or eating at assigned appropriately distanced seating).

- Agree not to host any off-campus guests, including family members, romantic partners, or any students who are not currently residing on campus in my campus residence and hosting no more than two resident student guests at a time.

- Agree not to host in-person gatherings.

- If I am a member or leader of a student organization, I will abide by the rule prohibiting in-person events and will not organize or attend such events unless they are coordinated by professional staff with the support of students.

- Receive a flu shot when UHS makes them available on campus or submit a record proving receipt of flu shot to UHS.

- Adhere to other health and safety practices recommended or required by the University, such as frequent hand-washing.

- Remain in the Princeton area as much as possible and, when traveling, complying with all University travel guidance and state of New Jersey travel restrictions, including:
  - Registering all University-sponsored and personal travel outside of Mercer County with the Princeton Global Safety & Security unit.
  - Strictly limiting personal travel for leisure or recreation (for example, visiting friends/family, sightseeing, short trips to NYC or Philadelphia) beyond Princeton.
  - Consulting with UHS about possible quarantine or testing requirements on my return from travel.

- Seek reasonable accommodations from the Office of Disability Services (ODS) if I am unable to follow the University’s expectations. If my requested accommodation(s) cannot be approved by ODS, I will follow the University’s expectations or I will continue to study remotely.
While Studying Away from Campus I Will:

- Not visit any University facility that is not open to the general public (including residential buildings).
- Monitor my health for COVID-related symptoms and seek appropriate evaluation and care if needed.
- Receive a flu shot.

“The primary purposes of regulations and discipline in a university are to protect the well-being of the community and to advance its educational mission by defining and establishing certain norms of behavior.”

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Accountability and Responsibility:

I understand that to protect the campus community and myself, I must abide by the rules reflected in this Social Contract, as they may be modified by the University from time to time. I understand that major violations of the Social Contract, including those related to testing, quarantining, isolating, hosting unpermitted visitors in residences and hosting prohibited in-person gatherings may result in removal from campus and/or disciplinary action. In addition, I understand that repeated infractions related to wearing face coverings or physically distancing also may result in removal from campus and/or disciplinary action. All violations of the Social Contract will be adjudicated through Princeton’s established disciplinary process.

By signing this Social Contract, I agree to abide by these rules and regulations. I acknowledge that Princeton University cannot eliminate the risk of illness during a global pandemic. I voluntarily accept the risks associated with in-person, on-campus study at this time.

Signature: __________________________

Date: __________________________