

COUGAR PLEDGE

To ensure the health and safety of myself, my peers, and the College of Charleston faculty and staff, I pledge, to the best of my ability...

- To properly wear a face covering when in campus buildings, populated outdoor spaces and socializing with others.
- To avoid the unknowing spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask covering respiratory areas and reaching from the top of the nose to the bottom of the chin.
- To be cognizant of the surrounding area and maintain a six-foot distance from others throughout campus and the surrounding Charleston area.
- To not host or attend parties or social gatherings of more than 10 individuals.
- To disinfect my personal areas and properly discard all trash upon entering and exiting every public workspace.
- To monitor and maintain my personal health, regularly check my temperature and avoid public spaces if I am showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- To receive a COVID-19 test when showing symptoms and remain out of public spaces until I obtain results and/or have been released from isolation or quarantine by a licensed medical provider.
- To comply with the College of Charleston's Student Health Services contact tracing procedures and to take proper precautions when exposed to COVID-19, which may include extended periods in isolation or quarantine.
- To maintain my mental and physical health through proper personal care.
- To be sensitive and respectful to others in regards to COVID-19 and conversations surrounding the topic.
- To encourage my fellow students to follow the College of Charleston Student Pledge in order to maintain a healthy and safe campus community.

COVID Conversation Guide



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What is your COVID-19 RISK TOLERANCE LEVEL?

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VERY STRICT

Stays within their "bubble"
Only socializes with housemates
Avoids outside contact unless necessary
Maintains 6 feet of distance from others at all times
Is or lives with someone who is immunocompromised

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STRICT

Leaves home for essentials only
Only socializes with housemates
Wears face coverings when outside
Maintains 6 feet of distance from others most of the time
Maintains strict protocol of sanitizing

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FAIRLY STRICT

Leaves home for work, exercise, and essential items
Minimizes trips to groceries and other stores
May socialize with others outdoors (w/social distancing)
Maintains 6 feet of distance from others most of the time
Wears face coverings when outside
Maintains strict protocol of sanitizing

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SOMEWHAT OPEN

Leaves home for work, exercise, and essential items
Socializes with others but tries to keep it to less than 10 individuals (w/social distancing)
Maintains 6 feet of distance at least half of the time
Wears face coverings when outside most of the time
Remains vigilant about sanitizing

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MODERATELY OPEN

Leaves home for work, exercise, and trips to the store multiple times a week
Socializes with others but may not limit the number of people and/or keep social distance
Occasionally wears face covering and/or sanitizes

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VERY OPEN

Socializes without face coverings or social distancing
Does not take extra precautions to protect oneself from infection outside what is normal
Not personally concerned with being infected
THIS LEVEL MUST TAKE STRONG PRECAUTIONS TO REDUCE RISK TO OTHERS

ASK YOURSELF

- What is your COVID-19 risk tolerance level?
- How important is cleanliness in your living space?
- What are your expectations for cleaning and hygiene of others?
- How comfortable would you feel talking to others about their hygiene habits?
- How would you want to be approached if they don't feel comfortable with you?
- How familiar are you with the regulations and recommendations for staying safe and reducing the spread of COVID-19?
 - Back on the Bricks
 - Residence Life policies
 - City of Charleston
 - State of South Carolina
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

HANDLING DIFFERENCES

1. Identify the problem
2. Examine and discuss how the problem affects you and your roommates
3. Brainstorm changes that can be made to resolve the problem
4. Evaluate how the changes will impact the parties involved
5. Compromise on a mutually agreed upon plan
6. Plan for who will do what and when
7. Continue to talk openly with one another

ASK EACH OTHER

- What is your COVID-19 risk tolerance level? What do you want our living space's level to be?
- Are you immunocompromised or part of a vulnerable population outlined by the CDC?
- Will we wear face coverings in common areas?
- How frequent will we wash hands and sanitize?
- What are our expectations of cleanliness?
- Will we maintain social distancing in the apartment?
- If one of us has symptoms or tests positive for COVID, what is our plan of action?

HAVING GUESTS

Things to consider before having guests in your space:

- What hours inside the designated visitation time are off limits for sleep or study?
- What area of the room is off limits to guests (e.g. roommate's bed, bathroom)?
- Will you want advance notice of having guests?
- There is lounge space available to visit with friends in order to allow safe space in rooms.

Things to remember about guests:

- Please refer to our visitation policy on our website in our Residence Life Policies & Community Standards as they are subject to change depending on vaccination percentages and infection rates with consultation and guidance from local and state health officials.

LIVING SPACE AGREEMENT

Use the below guideline to determine what COVID guidelines this living space will adhere to:

- Wear face coverings in common areas
- Wear face coverings in public and when around others
- Maintain social distance in our living space
- Maintain social distance when around others
- Wash or sanitize our hands frequently
- Talk to each other proactively and respectfully if we have concerns for our health and safety, or the health and safety of others
- Establish a cleaning schedule and disinfect high touch surfaces and common areas
- Avoid sharing dishes, glasses, and utensils
- Store our toiletries in our rooms rather than the bathroom
- Know where to find the closest urgent care clinic
- Know where to find the closest COVID-19 testing site
- Other: _____
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

If one of us gets sick or has COVID-19 symptoms, we will immediately notify Residence Life Staff and Student Health Services