

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS**  
**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**2022-2023**

**XVI. COVID ADDENDUM TO THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

**1. Introduction**

During challenging and uncertain times, we need to lift each other up and act in ways that demonstrate our Jesuit Values of being people for and with others. COVID presented unprecedented challenges worldwide and gravely impacted and continues to impact the local New Orleans community, including Loyola University. For that reason, we have developed this addendum to the Student Code of Conduct, which codifies best practices related to mitigating the spread of COVID on college campuses.

This is a living document; the policies may change as we receive more guidance from the federal, local, and state organizations. Any changes to this document will be announced on the Student Affairs website and will be communicated to all students through their Loyola email.

**2. Student Responsibilities**

- A. **Administrative Instructions:** Students must comply with any directive from the University *and* Federal, State, or Local Government (e.g. wearing high-quality masks indoors). A student is expected to follow University health and safety guidelines including immediately testing when you have symptoms and informing the University staff if you have positive results of a communicable disease. If you need assistance with when to get tested, choosing a type of test, or interpreting results please contact Student Health Services
- B. **Disorderly Conduct:** Disorderly conduct includes any behavior that disrupts or interferes with the orderly functioning of the University or the performance of duties by University personnel and/or any behavior that unreasonably disturbs the peace and/or comfort of a person or persons. Disorderly conduct can encompass disturbances in the classroom or at other University functions that take place in person or online. *For example, students who test positive must isolate and stay away from others for at least 5 days (possibly more, depending on how the virus affects you) and wear a high-quality mask when indoors around others for a period of time as recommended by the CDC.*
- C. **Conduct Unbecoming:** Responsible individual behavior is a basic expectation. Such behavior must stem from a recognition of and basic concern and respect for the dignity, rights, and sensibilities of others. Therefore, any social behavior which might offend these rights, sensibilities, and dignity is clearly inappropriate and will subject a student to discipline. *For example, if a student mistreated another student because they tested positive for COVID or are wearing a mask, this would be a violation of this policy.* This policy also includes behavior that occurs online.
- D. **Administrative Instructions - Isolation:** ***In compliance with CDC guidelines, the University will require students who have tested positive for COVID to isolate.*** Students must comply with any directive from a University official or medical professional regarding isolation in the event of infection from COVID including not going to class when told to stay home and following any direction to move to a new room or floor during the isolation. ***If a student shows symptoms of COVID or tests positive for COVID, they should immediately call Student Health Services (504-865-3326); Student Health Services and/or Residential Life will provide the student with more information about the next steps (e.g. isolating, getting food, etc.).***
  - i. In the event of an evacuation emergency, students staying in residence hall isolation due to a COVID diagnosis should proceed to the nearest exit with essential items, including a personal face mask or covering.

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- E. **Falsification or Misuse of Records:** Loyola University New Orleans and Louisiana law require all students to submit vaccination/immunization documentation as stated [here](#). Falsification of vaccination records is a violation of federal and state law and the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of state and federal law are reportable to the Louisiana Department of Health, the Louisiana Attorney General, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General for any criminal enforcement. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct shall be addressed in accordance with the relevant student disciplinary procedures.
- F. **Student Organizations:** Students may continue to use video-conferencing platforms (e.g. Google Meet; Zoom) for meetings or events as a virtual option.

**3. Possible Sanctions**

Consequences for violating any policy in this addendum to the Student Code of Conduct could include but are not limited to a verbal warning, conduct reprimand, disciplinary probation, removal from University housing, and suspension or dismissal from the University.

In addition, failure to follow this policy can result in disciplinary fines: \$50 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$150 for all subsequent offenses (community service can be issued in lieu of a fine). Fines are issued by Student Conduct. Students who fail to follow any aspect of this policy may also be required to complete community service, attend educational programs, and/or meet with University officials such as those in Student Health or Public Health. If a student's behavior or actions could potentially cause a health risk for themselves or others, the student's parents/guardians may be contacted.

Please visit [Loyola's COVID FAQ site](#) for more information on health and safety and resources.