

# ROGER'S COMPACT

Roger Williams University is a community dedicated to students that learn, work, live, and serve together in an atmosphere of mutual respect that is conducive to both the personal and academic growth and development of each student. At all times, Roger Williams University students show positive regard for themselves and each other and for the greater community. Every student is expected to uphold a high standard of civility and to be responsible for ensuring a safe and healthy campus.

The purpose of this Compact and Pledge is to support a safe and healthy campus community where students act with purposeful care, integrity and respect for themselves and others during the worldwide pandemic.

As a community, we acknowledge that personal health and safety is a shared responsibility and that the COVID virus is a shared risk. We, therefore, pledge to take care of each other and our community during this challenging time by adhering to the following practices. I pledge that I will:

- Commit to a voluntary honest daily self-screening for COVID-like symptoms (e.g., fever, chills, cough, nausea, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell) and if I have been approved for a vaccine exemption, I will commit to making an appointment with health services to be seen and tested for COVID-19.
- Commit to **testing myself if I exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or have been identified as a close contact** via an at-home rapid test or PCR test provided at a local pharmacy
- Commit to **self-reporting any positive test result** via the University's testing reporting tool
- Commit to **notifying any close contacts** (i.e. someone you were within six-feet or less for more than 15 minutes within the past 48 hours) if I test positive for COVID
- Commit to **following my "Isolation Exit Plan"** as detailed on the following page:
  - My isolation location is either my permanent residential address/off-campus hotel OR
  - My on-campus apartment if we have an "Isolation Apartment Plan" on file with Residence Life and Housing OR
  - University sponsored isolation housing if I live more than 200 miles away and arrived to campus via public transportation (i.e. train, plane, etc.)
- Commit to move-in testing procedures as outlined by the University (i.e. negative rapid test upon arrival) and return home if I do test positive upon arrival to the University
- Wear an approved face covering when in classrooms and other university buildings during periods when the University requires regardless of vaccination status. Exceptions include while dining or when in bedroom with roommate.
- When bringing guests onto campus, I will ask them to perform symptom screening for COVID-19 and they should, for the health and wellness of our community, receive a negative COVID test within 24 hours of arriving to campus
- I will stay home from classes, location of campus employment and not participate in student activities or be in group settings when I have symptoms. I will avoid close contact with sick people whenever possible.

- Regularly check my campus email and texts for RWU messaging related to COVID operating status policies and follow University guidance about COVID screening, testing, quarantine and isolation as soon as messages are received.
- Abide by University guidance for masking, quarantining or isolating myself from others for my own health and the health of others and genuinely participate in contact tracing interviews as requested.
- I agree to abide by local and state guidelines, executive, and emergency orders as communicated by the university in the interest of the RWU, Bristol, East Bay and Rhode Island community's health and safety.
- Wash my hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and warm water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand gel with at least 60% alcohol.
- Follow any cleaning protocols set forth in all residence halls and bathrooms, each classroom, lab space (science, engineering, or computer), performing or visual arts space, or study area space. I will also respect and cooperate with the cleaning protocol posted in relation to our own roles and the staff that are tasked with these responsibilities.
- Wipe down common items like phones, keyboards, doorknobs, and railings with a disinfectant cleaner when I have had significant contact with these shared items.
- Not share food, beverages, utensils, water bottles, or other personal items with others because many germs that cause viral illness are spread through saliva. I will sneeze and cough into my elbow or cover my mouth and nose with a tissue.
- Restrict travel if I am sick. In addition, if I have a recurring fever, cough, or shortness of breath, contact Health Services or your primary care provider by phone.
- Take extra precautions when I am off campus by avoiding large group events and visiting other campuses. I understand I may only host fully vaccinated and registered non-resident guests in residence halls or other shared facilities on campus during periods when the University authorizes guests.

**I have read, understand, and commit to following the above Honor Code for the [FALL 2022](#) Semester.**