

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 the COVID-19 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 an honest daily self-screening for COVID-like symptoms (e.g., fever, chills, cough, nausea, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell)**
- **Stay home from classes, the testing center and 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.**
- **Complete the “Staying Healthy in a Changing Environment” training by January 31st**
- Commit to being tested for COVID-19 on a frequent, asymptomatic basis per University guidance because I am aware that even if I do not exhibit any symptoms, I may be positive for the virus.
- Regularly check my campus email and texts for RWU messaging related to COVID-19 and follow University guidance about COVID testing, quarantine, isolation, as soon as messages are received.
- **Abide by University guidance for 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 community’s health and safety.**
- Respect other people’s space and safety by maintaining appropriate physical distance (at least 6 feet) whenever possible.
- **Wear an approved face covering when in classrooms and other university common spaces, when in public on and off campus, especially in downtown Bristol, and always when at least 6 feet of social distance is not possible.**
- 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 the 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.
- Sneeze and cough into my elbow or cover my mouth and nose with a tissue.
- Not share food, beverages, utensils, water bottles, or other personal items with others because many germs that cause viral illness are spread through saliva.
- Restrict travel if I am sick. 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 am prohibited from hosting non-resident guests in residence halls or other shared facilities on campus.

I have read, understand, and commit to following the above Honor Code for the [Spring 2021](#) Semester.

Student Name & Year _____

Student ID# _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

**if under 18, parent must sign.*

RESOURCES

If you require health care for any reason, students should immediately be in touch with their home healthcare provider and RWU [Health Services](#) for guidance on how to access care.

You are advised to:

- Stay home! Stay in your room or apartment!
- CALL AHEAD BEFORE GOING TO HEALTH SERVICES OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY.
- Health Services staff are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Call the nurse triage line at 401-254-3757.
- If it is after hours, call a local emergency room or urgent care for assistance.
- Cover every cough or sneeze into your elbow to protect others from getting sick.
- Wash your hands frequently.

CDC-Use of Cloth Face Covering

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>

CDC-Coping with pandemic-related stress

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/mental-health-non-healthcare.html>

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<https://health.ri.gov/diseases/ncov2019/>

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19 and should contact a health provider to be tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible.

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Runny nose or stuffy nose
- Fatigue
- Poor feeding or poor appetite (infants and children)
- Recent loss of taste or smell