

Point Park University Resident Student Acknowledgement

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a highly infectious disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. There is no current vaccine for COVID-19. COVID-19's highly contagious nature means that contact with others, or contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the virus, can lead to infection. Additionally, individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic for a period of time, or may never become symptomatic at all. Because of its highly contagious and sometimes "hidden" nature, it is currently very difficult to control the spread of COVID-19 or to determine whether, where, or how a specific individual may have been exposed to the disease.¹

Presently, the CDC recommends the following to avoid contracting COVID-19: avoiding close contact with others; wearing a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings; clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces; wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; practice social distancing.

By returning to campus and living in University housing, students acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, the fact that it can be difficult to identify in another, and the inherent risks of exposure at the University to those who may be infected with COVID-19. Students voluntarily assume the risk that they may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by returning to the campus of University and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or even death.

The University has put in place new safety rules and precautions in order to attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which rules and precautions may be updated at any time. Students are expected to comply with such rules and precautions which may include, but are not limited to, wearing personal protective equipment ("PPE"), hand washing, hand sanitizing, and social distancing. Failure to comply with these rules and precautions is a violation of the University's **[Student Code of Conduct]**.

Point Park University will begin the Fall 2020 term by providing housing in a number of accommodation options, including single, double and triple occupancy in each room. Students living in a University residence hall (including within the same room as a roommate) choose to do so voluntarily notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19.

In the event that a student would receive a positive test result for the virus, or if needed to isolate/quarantine, the University will work with that student to determine the best plan of action. This plan of action could include, moving to an isolation/quarantine area on campus, moving to an off-campus isolation/quarantine area (hotel) paid for by the University, and/or asking the student to return home in order to protect the health and safety of the University community.

By returning to campus and living in University housing, students voluntarily assume full responsibility for risks of illness or injury associated with exposure to COVID-19, as well as from use of any PPE, including face masks, that the University may voluntarily provide.

¹ Point Park University is guided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and all public health related information contained in this waiver is based on CDC guidance available at the time of distribution of this waiver.