

This document describes the interim student conduct policies intended to promote the health and safety of the community. These interim policies are covered under the [Standards of Student Conduct](#), Article III, Section B (6) (j): Failure to comply with University health and safety guidelines or policies. These policies apply to students who are taking classes on campus and either living in University housing or at an off campus location. These interim policies apply to individual students; please refer to the University's [Physical Distancing Framework](#) for information regarding guidelines for University-sponsored events. These interim policies apply to conduct that occurs on or off campus, as stated in Article III, Section (A) of the *Standards*.

A. Resolution of Alleged Violations

All alleged violations of these interim COVID policies will be resolved through the procedures outlined in Article IV of the *Standards of Student Conduct*, except as specified in these interim student conduct policies.

B. Conduct Policies

1. The following outlines the specific conduct that is covered under these interim policies.
 - a. Repeated violations shall be subject to a more severe sanction.
 - b. A student's prior conduct history may impact sanctioning (e.g. a student who is currently on conduct probation may face a more severe sanction).
2. Prohibited Conduct:
 - a. Failure to monitor health symptoms and temperature daily as directed by the University.
 - b. Failure to attend arrival testing, prevalence testing or other testing required by the University.
 - c. Failure to wear a face covering in accordance with the University's policy on [Masks on Campus](#).
 - d. Failure to promptly disclose to the Student Health Center or the designated University contact symptoms of COVID-19 or the results of any positive COVID-19 test conducted at an off-campus location.
 - e. Failure to report vaccine status as required by the University.
 - f. Failure to fully and truthfully cooperate with all contact tracing efforts conducted by University officials or the Virginia Department of Health. To be considered to have fully and truthfully cooperated with all contact tracing efforts, students are required to:
 - i. Disclose all of their close contacts, defined as any anyone with whom a student has been within 6 feet for at least a cumulative 15 minutes over a 24 hour period and to share this information with case investigators or contact tracers upon request;
 - ii. Respond promptly to any call, text, or email from a case investigator or contact tracer; and
 - iii. Truthfully share information about potential close contacts and any social gathering or party the student may have attended with a case investigator or contact tracer.
 - g. Failure to follow protocols regarding isolation or quarantine, including:
 - i. Failure to remain in quarantine or isolation until officially released by a University official; and

- ii. Failure to follow directives from University officials regarding leaving isolation or quarantine or relocating to finish their quarantine or isolation at an off-campus location.
 - h. Violation of the protocols set forth in the University's [Physical Distancing Framework](#).
3. Administrative Process for Failure to Participate in Required Testing. Failure to participate in required COVID-19 testing will be addressed as set forth below instead of outlined in Article IV of the *Standards of Student Conduct*.
- a. For purposes of these interim student conduct policies, missing required testing shall mean failing to attend arrival testing on the date and time scheduled; failing to attend prevalence testing on designated testing days or make-up testing during the same week; or failing to attend other required testing on the date and time schedule.
 - b. Violations of the requirement to participate in required testing will be adjudicated by the deans responsible for student conduct. The deans will make a determination regarding responsibility and will impose sanctions as described below. There is no opportunity to appeal.
 - c. Students who miss arrival testing or other required testing will be required to meet with their Dean and will receive a formal Disciplinary Warning.
 - d. The sanctions for missing prevalence testing without prior approval from the student's dean will be as follows:
 - i. First Instance – The student will be required to meet with their Dean, will receive a formal Disciplinary Warning, and will sign an acknowledgement of the testing requirements and the sanctions that will be imposed for further violations.
 - ii. Second Instance – The student will be required to meet with their Dean. Additionally, the student will be placed on Conduct Probation and will sign a document that acknowledges that a third missed prevalence test will result in restricted access, removal from campus housing, or suspension, determined at the Dean's discretion.
 - iii. Third Instance – The Dean's sanction will be enforced.
 - e. Students who repeatedly fail to participate in prevalence testing on the primary testing days, without good reason, will initially receive a Disciplinary Warning. If the conduct continues, they will be sanctioned as described in subsection 3(d), above.

C. Exceptions

1. If a student is charged with an alleged violation of the interim conduct policies outlined in section B above, the University will not pursue a conduct charge against the student if they are rendering assistance to someone who may have experienced sexual misconduct, students reporting possible sexual misconduct, the Complainant, witnesses, and other individuals participating in an investigation or hearing.
2. If a student is charged with an alleged violation of the interim conduct policies outlined in section B above, the University will not pursue a conduct charge against the student if they are rendering urgent or emergent assistance to someone in medical (psychological, psychiatric, or physical) distress.