

Our Shared Commitment

The University of Richmond is known for dynamic instruction in small classes organized around robust discussion, group problem-solving, and personal faculty attention. As we look forward to welcoming students back to campus, we know that the Spider community will need to come together in new ways. In our planning, we have sought to preserve these hallmarks of a Richmond education while making necessary adjustments to promote health and safety, which has been of paramount importance in our planning efforts.

The University's commitment to the health and safety of the campus community and the resources and investments dedicated to that priority are reflected in the University's [reopening plan](#). The reopening plan provides detailed information about the many actions that the University has taken and will take to promote the health and safety of our campus community.

Ensuring the health of the campus community is a responsibility we all share and will require a shared commitment from each of us as we modify the way we live, learn, and work together. We are many Spiders, within one web.

We are asking every student, faculty and staff member to sign the Healthy Web Compact to demonstrate their commitment to their individual health as well as the Spider community. We are many Spiders, within one web. Community is action: Taking care of ourselves, each other, and this place requires the full attention and daily dedication of everyone. Our community, the Web, needs every Spider to comply with University and public health guidance. This cooperation is essential to the continuation of the Fall Semester as well as the overall health of the Web and all Spiders.

COVID-19

COVID-19 is a respiratory infection caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads person to person. At this time, it appears that COVID-19 is spread primarily through respiratory droplets (meaning moisture that comes from coughing and sneezing). A person can be contagious while sick (exhibiting a dry cough or fever) or even prior to showing symptoms. There is community transmission of COVID-19 across the United States, including in our local community. Some people who contract COVID-19 will have mild symptoms, while others, especially those whom may be at higher risk due to underlying medical conditions, may experience serious symptoms. Information about COVID-19 symptoms and risk factors is available [here](#).

The University cannot eliminate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 on campus, but it is taking steps to mitigate the risk. Each member of the campus community can mitigate the chance of getting sick or getting others sick by:

- Practicing excellent personal hygiene
- Wearing a cloth face covering
- Maintaining physical distance from others
- Testing and monitoring for signs of infection
- Isolating or quarantining ourselves from others if we might be sick

Your Commitment to the Healthy Web

Every member of the University of Richmond community is required to abide by the Healthy Web Compact. By signing this compact, you agree to the following.

1. *Before Arrival On Campus.* Before arrival on campus, I agree to:
 - a. Complete all required COVID-19 training that is being developed by the University and will be provided.
 - b. Monitor my temperature and symptoms for at least 14 days prior to arrival using an online platform approved by the University, and contact my primary care provider if I'm sick prior to my arrival on campus.
 - c. Reduce potential exposure by adopting the following behaviors at least 14 days prior to arrival: avoiding large crowds and gatherings, keeping a safe distance from other people (at least 6 feet apart), washing hands often and not knowingly come into contact with a person who has been diagnosed with the virus.
 - d. I will not come to campus if I have a fever with a temperature over 100°F or symptoms of COVID-19 until I meet the following criteria:
 - No fever, defined as less than 100 degrees F, for at least 3 days (that is 72 hours of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers, such as tylenol, motrin, ibuprofen, etc.), AND
 - Other respiratory symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath), AND
 - At least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared or two negative COVID-19 PCR viral tests done at least 24 hours apart.
2. *Covid-19 Testing.* I agree to participate in COVID-19 testing. I also agree to participate in testing recommended by the Student Health Center, testing if I am deemed a close contact of someone infected with COVID-19, and any prevalence testing that the University may conduct. I agree that the results of my COVID-19 testing may be disclosed to the University and its Student Health Center. I understand that the University will maintain the confidentiality of my COVID-19 test results.
3. *Academic Year Requirements.* During my time as a member of the University community, I agree to:
 - a. Follow the University's health and safety guidance, protocols, and policies, as modified from time to time, to protect myself and others from contracting the virus.
 - b. Practice physical distancing by staying at least 6 feet between myself and others and comply with the University's [Physical Distancing Framework](#).
 - c. Comply with the [University's policy on face coverings](#) and wear a face covering in all buildings including classrooms, dining facilities, common areas within residence halls, and in outdoor settings where physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
 - d. Maintain personal hygiene by washing hands with soap often, using hand sanitizer, coughing or sneezing into an elbow, and keeping hands away from my face.

- e. Monitor my temperature and symptoms using an online platform approved by the University, and contact the Student Health Center if I have a fever or possible symptoms of COVID-19.
- f. Not attend class, meetings, or other events if I have a fever of 100° F or more or other symptoms of COVID-19 and to contact the Student Health Center for further direction.
- g. Comply with the University’s Physical Distancing parameters on gatherings, meetings and travel. Students living on campus should avoid travel off-campus whenever possible.
- h. Isolate or quarantine if I am suspected of having or diagnosed with COVID-19 or am a close contact of someone who is for as long as deemed necessary.
- i. To notify the University if I am tested for COVID-19 off campus and promptly disclose the results of that test, whether positive or negative.
- j. To the extent necessary to conduct contact tracing, I agree to the disclosure of COVID-19 status to my close contacts.

I understand the information set forth above and agree to comply with the requirements of this Healthy Web Compact. I recognize and support the importance of protecting my personal health and the health of all Spiders. I understand that failure to comply with this Healthy Web Compact or the University’s policies may result in a student conduct sanctions, including but not limited to suspension from the University, and/or removal from campus housing.

Printed Name _____ Signature _____ UR ID # _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Required for Students Under 18:

I am the parent or legal guardian of the student whose name and signature appears above (“My Student”). On behalf of My Student, I agree to the terms and conditions set forth above.

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Date: _____

COVID -19 Resources to Reduce Risk and Virus Transmission:

<https://www.richmond.edu/coronavirus/index.html>

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

COVID-19 Clinical Care:

If you are not feeling well, please contact:

SHC (Student Health Center) at: 804-289-8064 or visit:
<https://healthcenter.richmond.edu>

Additional Campus Resources:

If you have questions, or for more information, please contact:

Richmond College Dean's Office: 804-289-8061 or rcdean@richmond.edu

Westhampton College Dean's Office: 804-289-8468 or wcdean@richmond.edu

School of Law Dean's Office: 804-289-8740 or asklut@richmond.edu

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