

STUDENT COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITMENT

Williams College

Williams will welcome students back to campus for a new hybrid model of education, with students participating in classes and other experiences both in-person and remotely. But this is only possible if all students, faculty, staff, community members act in a manner consistent with the college's protective measures that implement federal, state and local emergency orders, relevant public health guidelines, and guidance from the college's public health advisors.

This Community Health Commitment explains the responsibilities and obligations for students returning to campus next year. Please take the time to read it carefully before deciding whether you will return to campus in the fall. If you intend to return to campus, it is especially important that you understand both your obligations as a member of the college community and how life on campus will be different this year. Please be assured that similar and equivalent responsibilities will apply to faculty and staff on campus.

Williams prioritizes the health, safety and welfare of every member of its community but cannot predict how the COVID-19 pandemic will evolve and cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. Because asymptomatic people may transmit the virus to others who will become critically ill or die from the disease, it is critically important that all people behave as if they might be contagious. Preventing the spread of the virus requires the diligence, sustained effort, and patience of our entire community.

The college will take all reasonable steps to create a safe environment, but cannot guarantee a risk-free campus. You cannot rely on the college alone to protect you. You also bear responsibility for, and have the ability to protect, your own health and safety. By signing this commitment, you agree that you will do your part and will comply with the college's public health rules and protective measures.

The current rules in effect will be available on the Dean of the College's website <https://dean.williams.edu/> and will be updated periodically, becoming more permissive or more restrictive as circumstances warrant. You can expect they will include some or all of the following:

- Adhering to the guidelines on handwashing, cleaning, and sanitization of shared spaces and contact surfaces as developed by the CDC and adopted by the college (the latest CDC guidance is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>)
- Wearing masks or other protective face coverings when inside of a campus building or outside when social distancing is not possible
- Social distancing of more than 6' when outside of your room
- Limiting or prohibiting visitors, which may include students on campus as well as friends or family from off-campus, including perhaps requiring you to not have any

guests in your own room and not visiting others in their dorms or rooms, or requiring you to maintain close contact with only a limited number of other individuals

- Limiting or prohibiting your ability to gather in groups, events, parties, or get-togethers, or restricting them to specific sizes, locations, or types of events
- Submitting to temperature checks, monitoring your wellness on an ongoing basis, and promptly reporting any symptoms as directed <https://health.williams.edu/thompson-health-center-medical-services-covid-19-response/>
- Answering questions and otherwise cooperating as may be necessary for effective contact tracing (for an explanation of contract tracing, see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/contact-tracing.html>)
- Subject to limited medical or religious exemptions, receiving a seasonal flu shot and being vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus when that vaccine is available
- Complying fully with travel restrictions by not leaving campus as required, and complying with any required isolation upon your return from an approved trip
- Complying strictly with all quarantine or isolation directives, which may confine you to an individual room with very limited exceptions and may require enhanced temperature or pulse oximeter reporting
- Relocating to alternative housing upon the request of the College

In full disclosure, returning to Williams means you may contract COVID-19. By coming onto campus, you acknowledge and accept that this is possible. We are taking all reasonable steps to mitigate this risk and expect you to do the same to protect yourself and those around you.

It also will be more important than ever to be kind, patient, and respectful to each other as we all adjust to this new normal together. Each of us may need a friendly reminder from time to time if we forget or stray from the new requirements on campus. We will all be better off the more we can give and receive these reminders with goodwill and cooperation. At the same time, the college will enforce the public health requirements in a manner consistent with our overall campus culture and educational philosophies, and repeated or serious infractions may result in corrective action or discipline.

By returning to campus, you agree that you will comply with the college's public health rules and protective measures, and that any failure to comply may be subject to sanction or discipline in accordance with college policies.

Date: _____

Signature of: _____