

22) Violation of any Health and Safety Requirement Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Introduction: To promote the health, safety, and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff at Providence College, and with due consideration for the various orders and/or guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American College Health Association (ACHA), and federal, state and local governments related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College has amended the Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook by creating a new section, identified as code number 22. As is the case with respect to the Student Handbook generally, this new section of the Code of Conduct is subject to change at the sole discretion of the College and with notice to students.

All on-campus and off-campus students must be aware that they are living in a zip code (02918/02908) that has exhibited one of the highest incidences of COVID-19 coronavirus in the city of Providence. In addition to housing approximately 1,500 to 2,000 students attending higher education institutions throughout Providence, this zip code also is multi-ethnic and multi-racial. Many of its full-time, year-round residents are working at jobs deemed “essential” in the medical, health care, food service, nursing home, and supermarket industries. Given the documented facts that the COVID-19 coronavirus affects minorities and those who may not have ready and adequate access to the state’s healthcare system to a greater extent than it affects other populations, it is imperative that ALL Providence College students understand both the dynamics of the neighborhoods in which they live during the academic year, as well as the COVID-19 health crisis.

Types of Violations

a) Mask/Face Covering and Social Distancing - Failure to comply with the requirement to wear a mask/face covering. Unless a student is physically in their assigned on-campus, hybrid, or off-campus residential space, the student must wear a face mask—These requirements apply to indoor spaces.

OUTDOORS:

Fully vaccinated people* no longer need to wear masks outdoors on campus as long as they can maintain three feet of distance from others.

**A person is fully vaccinated two weeks after their final dose (a second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).*

A student who believes that there is a medical condition affecting their ability to comply with the mask/face covering requirement should contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students, 865-1782.

b) Visitation - Failure to comply with restrictions on visitation. Students residing on campus or in hybrid housing are not permitted to have visitors (i.e., parents, siblings, other related persons, minors, or friends who are not enrolled students at the College) visit them in their residential space without prior authorization from the Director of Residence Life & Housing or designee. Additionally, visiting a student who is in quarantine or isolation is prohibited.

c) Risk Reduction and Mitigation Directives - Failure to comply with screening, testing, contact tracing, and/or other risk reduction and mitigation directives, including but not limited to quarantine, isolation, and visitation directives. Students are required to cooperate with and participate in numerous risk reduction and mitigation efforts developed by the College; these efforts and directives are subject to change at any time and at the College's sole discretion.

d) Directives of College Officials - Failure to comply with the directive of a Public Safety Officer, Residence Life & Housing staff member, or any other college official, with respect to health and safety precautions, including but not limited to sections a) through d) in this Code, that are issued with the intent to mitigate risk and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

e) Legal Mandates - Failure to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws and regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.