



Spartan Compact

All of us in the Aurora University community have a communal responsibility, as we continue to navigate these challenging and unprecedented times, to balance the health and safety needs of our community with the university's core mission. To carry on the educational, academic, and service missions of our University while minimizing person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 and protecting those most vulnerable to the disease, AU puts forth this Spartan Compact that outlines our behavioral expectations for AU students in re-opening living and learning in our campus community. By joining us during the 2020-2021 academic year, you agree to adhere to the behavioral expectations outlined below. Further, you agree to adhere to strict physical distancing and use of facial coverings for the 14 days prior to your return to the campus community. And in addition, any residential students coming from out of state are expected to **quarantine** at home for 14 days prior to their move in date.

At the University's discretion, there may be other requirements for students in certain categories, such as student-athletes, students in certain programs of study, etc. These requirements will be communicated directly to those particular students.

Aurora University Spartan Compact 2020-2021

I understand, as a member of the AU Spartan community during the 2020-2021 academic year, that I am an important part of this community and that we are stronger as a community when we all do our part to keep our campus safe. I understand that the health and safety measures I am being asked to undertake are necessary to protect the health and safety of others in my community and beyond. I agree to abide by all federal, state, city, and Aurora University mandates, policies, protocols, and procedures related to COVID-19, and I agree to participate in any required training.

I understand that violations of this Compact will be handled by the Office of Student Conduct according to the procedures set forth by the Aurora University A-Book. I agree that, should it be determined that my behavior jeopardized the health and safety of others in the AU community, I may be directed to refrain from participating in any on-campus activities (including athletics), my access to campus buildings may be restricted, and I could be subject to suspension from the University.

The Pledge:

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

I AGREE:

- To monitor my temperature and participate in daily health screening measures to determine whether it is appropriate for me to be on campus. If I have a change in my health status, I will notify AU Health Services and will comply with their direction.

- To stay at home or in my residence hall room if I am sick with COVID-19 symptoms or know that I have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. I will follow the university's protocols for isolation or quarantine.
- To maintain appropriate (6 feet) physical distance from others whenever possible.
- To wear a cloth facial covering over nose and mouth when walking in public (e.g. hallways, common areas, restrooms, across campus) both inside and outside of campus buildings.
- To wash my hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds throughout each day and before and after interactions with others.
- To cover my cough or sneeze with tissues (or into elbow/sleeve), then wash my hands.
- To clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, especially those shared by others (e.g. photocopiers, computer keyboards, door handles).
- To be up-to-date on all vaccines.
- To receive a flu shot.

CAMPUS MOVEMENT

I AGREE:

- To congregate only in university designated outdoor and indoor areas of campus, wearing a facial covering, maintaining adequate physical distance, and complying with all signage.
- To sit only in available designated seats in dining venues, lounge areas, the library, the computer labs, and other campus buildings.
- To follow any designated procedures for entering and exiting campus buildings.

TRAVEL & GUESTS

I AGREE:

- To adhere to all regulations regarding guests outlined in the revised guest policy as set forth by Residence Life.
- To limit all unnecessary personal travel.
- To comply, if I must travel, with quarantine and testing requirements based on guidance of the Illinois Department of Public Health and the public health agency of my travel destination.

SOCIAL LIFE AND RECREATION

I AGREE:

- To participate in student clubs, performing arts groups, intramural and club sports, and any other University-sponsored student life activity virtually as much as possible and, when not virtual, to observe the physical distancing guidelines and other COVID-19-related safety protocols adopted by the University.
- To refrain from organizing, hosting, or attending events, parties, or other social gatherings off-campus that may cause safety risks to me and other members of the community.
- To acknowledge that drinking alcohol and using other drugs will increase my risk of engaging in risky behavior and/or needing medical treatment, including the increased risk of being exposed

to higher-risk contact with others. Alcohol consumption and recreational drug use will not be considered an excuse for unauthorized risky COVID-19-related behavior.

Informed Consent

I acknowledge that there exist heightened and unpredictable health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. These risks include exposure to asymptomatic carriers of the COVID-19 virus and the transfer of the virus through interpersonal communications and/or sharing spaces with others.

In the interest of health and public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, I acknowledge that I will report to AU Health Services any symptoms of COVID-19, exposure to COVID-19, or a personal positive test for COVID-19 that occur within 14 days prior to the start of the spring semester as well as any time after the start of the spring semester.

I acknowledge that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local health departments are regularly reviewing and updating their respective guidance on the pandemic and its impact on higher education.

I acknowledge that while the university cannot guarantee that I will not be exposed to the virus on campus, that the university has implemented guidelines to help mitigate its transmission and limit the spread.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to abide by the guidelines stated in the Spartan Compact to protect myself as well as others with whom I interact on campus.