

ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY (RMU)
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY DURING COVID-19
2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

RMU's plans for resuming in-person instruction and residential living have been developed carefully and in compliance with recommendations and requirements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Allegheny County Health Department related to mitigating the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Our plans balance our primary concern for the health and safety of all members of the RMU community with our mission of providing a vibrant on-campus living and learning environment for the students we serve.

As we prepare to return to school and work, we must acknowledge that these activities are not risk-free. COVID-19 is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. There is no current vaccine for COVID-19. COVID-19's highly contagious nature means that contact with others, or contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the virus, may lead to infection. RMU will strive to adhere to the evolving requirements and guidance from governmental and public health agencies and to adopt other best practices and preventative measures in the fight against COVID-19. RMU cannot, however, guarantee that you will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19 while studying and/or living at RMU.

RMU has implemented new safety rules and precautions in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on the RMU campus. These include the "RMU Code During COVID-19" supplement to the 2020-21 Code of Student Conduct and the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 Student Housing Contract Addendum. Your compliance with the requirements included in those documents – as well as related policies adopted from time to time by Academic Affairs and the Dean of Students' Office – is essential to your personal health and safety as well as the health and safety of the entire RMU community.

RMU currently plans to provide in-person instruction during the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters. We may, however, have to adapt our plans in response to a spike in COVID-19 infections and/or related requirements or guidance from governmental and/or public health agencies, which may result in a transition to virtual and/or hybrid instruction for all or part of a semester. Regardless of the learning environment, RMU will continue to provide learning, academic credit, and certain non-academic services, and your tuition and fees will remain the same, irrespective of the means RMU uses to provide academic and other services.

By signing this Acknowledgment, you acknowledge and agree that:

1. You are aware of the risks of COVID-19 and the possibility of becoming infected with COVID-19 on the RMU campus.
2. You are voluntarily assuming these risks by returning to the RMU campus.

3. You understand that your agreement to and compliance with the terms of the “RMU Code During COVID-19” supplement to the 2020-21 Code of Student Conduct, related rules and regulations established by Academic Affairs and the Dean of Students’ Office, the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 Student Housing Contract Addendum (if applicable), and applicable university policies, in each case as modified from time to time, is a condition of your enrollment.

4. Your tuition and fees will remain the same if RMU transitions to a virtual and/or hybrid learning environment in response to a spike in COVID-19 infections and/or related requirements or guidance from governmental and/or public health agencies.

Acknowledged and Agreed:

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(Parent or Guardian if Student is under 18)

Print Name:

Print Name:

Signature:

Signature:

Date: _____

Date: _____