

RMU CODE DURING COVID-19 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

Everyone in the Robert Morris University (RMU) community plays an integral role in combating the spread of COVID-19. This “RMU Code During COVID-19” supplements RMU’s 2020-2021 Code of Student Conduct and establishes additional expectations that are necessary to promote a safe and healthy living and learning environment. RMU will strive to adhere to the evolving requirements and guidance from governmental and public health agencies. The RMU Code During COVID-19 will be modified if needed to address those evolving requirements and guidance and/or RMU health and safety policies. Best practices in the fight against COVID-19 continue to evolve, and the RMU Code During COVID-19 will evolve accordingly. All RMU students will be promptly notified of any updates to the RMU Code During COVID-19, and are expected to be attentive to these updates.

The RMU Code During COVID-19 requires all RMU students to:

- Monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms may include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. If you are experiencing any symptoms, contact the MyHealth@School Center immediately at 412-397-6220 to participate in a telephone screening and be advised of next steps.
- Stay home or in your assigned residence hall room if you feel ill or have had exposure to someone who has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19. Contact the MyHealth@School Center for further guidance.
- Comply with the university’s directives regarding any isolation, quarantine, preventative and/or health-related measures that may become necessary.
- Maintain good personal hygiene, including washing your hands often with soap and water (first choice) or hand sanitizer (second choice) for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover your mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing, and wash your hands immediately.
- Wear a face mask in all common spaces, including hallways, classrooms, labs, and the Library, subject to limited exceptions when necessary or appropriate, such as while eating in a dining hall or other designated area. If you do not have a mask, please contact the Office of Residence Life (412-397-5252) if you are a residential student or the Dean of Students’ Office (412-397-6483) if you are a commuter student.
- Do not eat or drink anything – other than water – in classrooms being used for instruction or in labs.

- Maintain appropriate physical distancing of at least six feet from other members of the RMU community, especially in classroom settings or in the presence of older members of the community.
- Adhere to all directional signage and safety directives – such as protocols for entering or exiting classrooms and classroom buildings, dining halls, athletic and sports complexes, and other facilities – designed to maximize physical distancing in common spaces.
- Follow the university’s directives regarding large gatherings, whether on or off campus.
- Consider having a flu vaccine each fall.
- Comply with any additional restrictions or requirements imposed by specific departments, schools, or programs.
- Participate in any temperature taking, COVID-19 diagnostic or surveillance testing, and/or contact tracing measures that may be required by the university from time to time.
- Take these preventive measures seriously and encourage your fellow students to do the same.
- If you see something, say something! Report conduct that violates or is otherwise contrary to the intent of the RMU Code During COVID-19 and the fight against COVID-19. You may make an anonymous report via Maxient, the university’s easy-to-use software tool, which will direct reports to appropriate RMU personnel for response.

Your compliance with the RMU Code During COVID-19 is essential to your personal health and safety as well as the health and safety of the entire RMU community. Failure to comply with any requirements of the RMU Code During COVID-19 – or related rules and regulations established by the Dean of Students’ Office or Academic Affairs – is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct and may result in disciplinary action and sanctions.

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