



Covid Additions to the Student Handbook

Text Color is Green for any changes/updates to existing policies. The two campus wide policies are brand new and only apply when the college is open during a pandemic.

Campus-Wide

Masks:

You must wear face coverings when in public places, particularly when those locations are indoors or in other areas where physical distancing is not possible. Students, faculty, and staff are required to wear face masks while working or socializing with someone outside of their *“family unit”* and sharing a vehicle or indoor space while on campus. Students, faculty, and staff are not expected to wear masks while eating or drinking. Students, faculty, and staff that are working, exercising, or socializing outdoors while maintaining physical distancing of at least 6-feet, may wear face masks at their discretion. Whenever you are not sure of being able to keep social distancing while working, exercising, or socializing outside, wear a mask. Always carry one with you should physical distancing become compromised for any reason.

**Family unit* - includes a student’s assigned roommate, suitemates, and/or partner(s)

- 1st Violation: Public Health Pathway
- 2nd Violation: Housing probation
- 3rd Violation: Housing suspension

Intentionally Risking the Health of Others:

It is our hope that students will recognize their impact on the community and agree to abide by policies and messaging specific to COVID-19 to maintain the health and safety of the overall community. This includes adhering to the three W’s (Wait, Wash, and Wear) and guidance from county health officials. Warren Wilson College finds these guidelines to be imperative to the safety of the community so we have written them into policy here. Failure to adhere to the three W’s will be considered intentionally risking the health of others.

Intentionally risking health of others includes but is not limited to behaviors such as:

- Not wearing a mask in group settings where maintaining a 6 ft distance isn’t possible
- Consistently not maintaining physical distance at all times outside of your family unit*
- Attempting to access indoor spaces without going through the temperature check stations on a daily basis

Any behaviors that intentionally increase the ability for the virus to spread or behaviors that go against guidelines from the college and county health officials will be considered a violation of this policy.

Due to the seriousness of COVID-19, we must do everything we can to limit the virus from spreading on campus, therefore the following will be typical sanctions for being found in violation of this policy:

- 1st Violation: Public Health Pathway
- 2nd Violation: Conduct probation
- 3rd Violation: Suspension

*Family unit- includes a student's assigned roommate, suitemates, and/or partner (s)

Good Samaritan/Non-discipline Policy:

The welfare of students in our community is of paramount importance. At times, students on and off-campus may need assistance. Warren Wilson College encourages students to offer help and assistance to others in need. Sometimes, students are hesitant to offer assistance to others, for fear that they may get themselves in trouble (for example, a student who has been drinking underage might hesitate to help take a sexual misconduct victim to Public Safety). Warren Wilson College pursues a policy of limited immunity for students who offer help to others in need. While policy violations cannot be overlooked, the college will provide educational options, rather than mere punitive actions, to those who offer their assistance to others in need

During COVID, when speaking with a contact tracer, honesty is critical. You will not be held accountable for any policy violations you may have committed in the days/weeks that led up to you needing to talk with a contact tracer, when they are disclosed to a contact tracer for the purpose of identifying other individuals you may have come into contact with. For example, if you were attending a party, or engaging in sharing substances with other students.

Residential Policies

Non-Warren Wilson Visitors Inside of Residence Halls:

5.5.10 Guests

Residence halls are open to the residents of that building and their escorted guests. A guest is defined as anyone not assigned to that building or room by the Housing Office. **However, due to COVID, campus personnel and residential students are the only people who will be permitted in on campus residence halls.** Movement between residence halls by residential students will not be limited. Non-residential visitors to campus are strongly discouraged. However, anyone who is visiting campus grounds that is not a residential student will not be permitted in the residence halls. However, in the case of a student needing to be picked up, or a student needing to have food delivered, students can still invite these non-residential guests.

- The student handbook has limitations to the number of students who can be in an eight person suite (~~max. 32~~), a four or six person suite/apartment (~~max. 25~~), in a double room (~~max. 10~~), in a single room (~~max. 8~~). **One guest per resident of a room, not to exceed 10 people in a suite.**

All guests in the residence halls must have a resident student as a host and be accompanied by that host at all times. Any guest without a host may be asked to leave and escorted from the campus.

A hall (wing or floor) may by majority vote to limit the hours when on-campus residential guests are permitted. Hosts are responsible for the behavior of their guests. **During COVID, our ability to take IDs during incidents may be limited, so this guest policy will be particularly important.** Residential students will be held accountable for any policies their guests (remember- you can only have another residential student as your guest in the halls, off campus guests are not permitted) violate while visiting their on campus residence.

Students who were suspended from the college for academic, work, or conduct reasons may not visit the residence halls (or elsewhere on campus) without the written permission of the VP for Student Life. During COVID, they will not be permitted at all. Both roommates may be held responsible for hosting a suspended student.

With the permission of your roommate, you may host an overnight guest, who is a current residential student only, off campus guests are not permitted in halls. If your roommate does not wish to have a guest in their room, their right to privacy has priority over your wish to have a guest. Overnight guests may stay only three nights per semester (this means three nights on campus, not three nights per host). In special circumstances, with your AD's permission, your guest may extend their stay. During COVID, no extended stays will be granted.

Only students with on-campus work contracts or participating in service trips or who have approved break requests from Housing may live or spend nights in the residence hall during breaks. During these breaks, no resident may host guests. During COVID, we will limit on campus housing, after November 22, to only those who apply for and are granted hardship housing. Additionally, there will be very limited work contracts offered and only to those students who are serving on essential crews as determined by the WPO.

6.2.3.20 Lack of Cooperation with a College Official:

Failure to comply with a reasonable request of a Public Safety Officer or a member of the staff, including RA's and RD's, could result in an incident report being filed and conduct action being taken. All students are required to carry and present identification to a college official on campus when it is requested. During COVID, this is especially important because we will be asking for identification more often. If you are found in the residence halls without identification demonstrating that you are a residential student you will be asked to leave. Presenting false statements (including false identification) to a Public Safety Officer requesting information or investigating a situation or to a staff member or board in a conduct hearing is against college policy and may result in a sanction.

Pets/ESAs:

No animals are permitted at the off site quarantine/isolation facility, according to the facility's policy. Therefore, if you have an ESA, you will be required to make other arrangements for the care of your pet/ESA if asked to quarantine. If possible, you may wish to return home, where your ESA can be with you, instead of staying in the off site quarantine location.

All ESA owners will be asked to sign a new ESA agreement that includes their plan for who will take care of their animal should they be quarantined or isolated. ESAs can not be handed off to another residential student to care for, as they tend to be cats/dogs, and we have many students with allergies as well as fear of these specific types of animals. Also due to the handling required for these animals they can be a possible transmission site for the virus that is not able to be wiped down (for the safety of the animal).

Other permitted pets kept in cages/tanks are easier to hand off to someone to care for (Hamsters, mice, lizards, fish). A student can hand off their pet, along with items necessary to properly take care of the pet, to another student. This is only permissible when the caretaker and their roommate approves of having an animal in the room. They must also take proper precautions, wiping items/cages down, staying masked, and socially distanced during the hand off, etc. It is recommended, if you are able, that you leave your pet with someone trusted for the entire fall semester instead of bringing them to campus.

Common Kitchens:

During COVID, we intend to keep the common kitchens open for cooking as much as possible but that will require a heightened level of responsibility. If the following requirements aren't abided by, the common kitchens will be closed for the remainder of the semester. Each person must remain 6ft away from one another and wear a mask at all times while in the kitchen. There will be occupancy signs outside of each kitchen that determine how many people are allowed in the kitchen safely. If you want to use the kitchen, you will have to bring your own appliances such as pots, pans, utensils, as there will be no shared kitchen items provided. After prepping and cooking food, dishes must be cleaned immediately. Students can not eat in the communal kitchens; they are remaining open for food preparation only. Failure to comply with the above will result in the kitchen being closed in that specific building and may result in conduct action. We are lifting the restrictions for ECOdorm residents, during COVID, they are permitted to use mini fridges in their individual rooms.

Laundry Rooms/ Cleaning Closets:

During COVID, the following are limitations that must be adhered to within laundry rooms. The number of students that can be in a laundry room at the same time will be reduced and stated on a sign outside of laundry rooms. It is important to refrain from touching other people's clothes at any point while in the laundry room. We recommend setting a timer while doing laundry so there is no wait for a washer and dryer to open up.

Due to COVID, all cleaning supply closets will be locked throughout the semester. There will be no common cleaning supplies available for student use and we recommend bringing cleaning materials to keep personal space clean. The exception to supplies is toilet paper and garbage bags, which will be available in laundry rooms for students that live in Villages, Schafers, and Dorland.

Lounges:

All of the lounge furniture has been preset with 6 ft distance between each piece of furniture. There is only allowed to be one person on a couch to remain 6 ft apart, and there is signage indicating as such in each common space on campus. The furniture must stay in the same set up to ensure 6 ft distance can be practiced at all times while safely socializing. No more than 10 people can gather in a common lounge area.

Loft Kits/Bunking:

Loft kits and bed bunking pins will not be provided by the college during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students will also not be permitted to bring their own. This is to reduce aerosol transmission if a student coughs while in their bed and to reduce multiple surfaces that could be touched by both roommates. Additionally, we are hopeful that bed lofts will not be needed since we are encouraging students to pack light and bring a minimal amount of personal belongings with them during the pandemic.