



Winthrop University COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

Winthrop University aims to deliver its mission while protecting the health and safety of our students and minimizing the spread of COVID-19 within our community. The health and safety of individual members of the Winthrop University community and the community as whole, remain Winthrop's top priority. University faculty, staff, and students share the responsibility of ensuring the health and safety of the Winthrop Community.

The following document outlines Winthrop University's expectations for students upon the re-opening of campus and shall remain in effect until officially lifted by University leadership.

Personal Health - Winthrop students are expected to demonstrate consideration for members of the campus community as well as themselves. In order to prevent and slow the spread of the virus, students attending courses on-campus are expected to screen themselves daily. If you have ANY of the following symptom(s), please contact Health Services (803)323-2206 or another medical provider. Do not attend class or visit public spaces and common areas.

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| Fever | Cough | Shortness of breath | Sore Throat |
| Headache | Chills | Muscle pain | Nausea |
| Diarrhea | Sudden onset loss of smell | Vomiting | Sudden onset loss of taste |

- **Face coverings** – Face Coverings are required in all campus buildings, including classrooms and common areas. Common areas include Dacus Library, The West Center, The DiGiorgio Campus Center, Crawford Building, the bookstore, and all dining facilities. Face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Here are some tips for wearing a mask/face covering:
 - Inspect your mask for tears and holes prior to wearing it
 - Wash your hands prior to putting your mask on or taking it off
 - Remove your mask by touching the straps
 - Wear your mask secure over your mouth and nose
 - Make sure your mask is secured behind both ears
 - Make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask
 - Avoid touching your mask constantly
 - When not wearing your mask, store it in a clean paper bag

Medical experts have advised that this is the number one measure in reducing the risk to others. If you have a condition that is does not allow you to wear a mask, you should inform the Office of Accessibility by phone 803-323-3290 or email

accessibility@winthrop.edu right away to discuss reasonable accommodations and notify your faculty prior to going to class. Do not show up to class without a mask/face covering.

- **Social Distancing** - Students are expected to practice social distancing, maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between each other when possible.
- **Events/Gatherings** - As Winthrop works diligently to slow the spread of COVID-19, all in person events and gatherings—both social and student organization related—are strongly discouraged.

On campus event/gathering hosted by student organizations, must allow for social distancing (maintaining at least 6 feet between people). All on-campus events/gatherings must require that the participants wear face coverings. In addition to following the policies outlined in the Student Organization Handbook, student organizations must adhere to the COVID-19 Event Guidelines . If unable to practice social distancing at events, students must gather, meet, and socialize virtually utilizing one of the variety of virtual platforms provided by the University (i.e., Zoom or Blackboard Collaborate)

To ensure the safety of the Winthrop campus community, off campus Winthrop sponsored group activities and travel are not permitted at this time.

Off campus social events and gatherings are also strongly discouraged. Please note, that the host(s) of any event or gathering that directly or indirectly disrupts University operations and/or leads to the exhaustion of University resources, will be subject to the procedures listed in the Student Conduct Code.

- **Guests/Visitation** – Consistent with the Residence Life Housing Addendum.
 - Visitors (other than those living in the same residence hall, with roommate permission), including overnight guests, are prohibited.
 - Residents may only have one other building resident as a guest in their assigned room at any given time.
 - Access to residential spaces is restricted to residential students, University staff, and approved vendors.
 - Residents may only enter the residence hall to which they are assigned unless otherwise posted (i.e., to access critical services such as dining services, staff offices.)
 - Access to and use of amenities/space may be restricted or limited in capacity to allow for social distancing (community space, lounges, kitchen, laundry rooms, elevators, etc.)

Failure to adhere to the above-mentioned guidelines or to comply with a Winthrop University faculty/staff member acting in their official capacity to enforce the above-mentioned guidelines could result in disciplinary action via the student conduct system. Conduct sanctions for violations of these guidelines include but are not limited to:

- Written reprimand/warning letter that becomes part of the educational record and considered a first offense if further violations occur
- Educational sanctions (reflection papers, projects, guided conversations, etc.)
- Monetary fines
- Temporary or permanent restrictions from campus recreational (DIGS, West Center) and academic facilities (Dacus Library, academic classrooms)
- Temporary or permanent removal from University Dining and Housing facilities. A removal from housing and termination of the Residence Hall Contract does not warrant the University to issue a refund for housing or any associated fees
- Temporary removal (Suspension) from Winthrop University. Suspended students are not allowed on campus without prior approval from the Dean of Students Office
- Permanent removal (Expulsion) from Winthrop University. Expelled students are not allowed on campus without prior approval from the Dean of Students Office