H. Student Social Compact

As members of this campus community, we face a serious public health situation that requires a new level of awareness and caution in our daily lives. As a caring community, we understand that our health and safety depend on how well we take care of ourselves and each other. As a member of this community I promise to responsibly protect my health and the health of others.

I make these efforts to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other risks to our community's health and to best preserve the learning opportunities available to me as a student at this college.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is highly contagious. It is possible to develop and contract COVID-19, even when individuals follow all of the safety precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the State of New Hampshire, and the College. NH's community colleges are following coronavirus guidelines issued by the CDC, the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and other reliable resources to reduce the spread of infection. However, by engaging in on- or off- campus activities, students, faculty and staff can never be completely shielded from all risks of exposure or illness caused by COVID-19 or other infections.

Maintaining college instructional and service activities is dependent upon how well ALL members of our college community adhere to public health recommendations and expectations. Significant changes in the trajectory of the virus may result in changes to instructional and campus operational plans. It is in all of our best interests to do our part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. To protect myself and others, and preserve the opportunity of learning in this campus setting, I understand that as a member of the CCSNH community I will be expected to:

PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHERS

- Consider public health information that strongly recommends the COVID-19 vaccine for those able to be vaccinated
- Wear an appropriate face covering if requested by the college to do so in designated areas of campus
- Follow recommendations of public health officials in the State of New Hampshire
- Recognize that others may have health conditions or relevant family circumstances that are private and respect their need for personal precautions
- Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 and report to a medical professional if I experience fever, cough, shortness of breath or other symptoms identified by public health authorities
- Understand that individuals can have COVID-19 yet be asymptomatic and therefore an unknown carrier of the virus
- Consider public health recommendations to obtain a flu shot as a means to protect against the seasonal flu virus

PROTECT MY COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY

- Observe instructional signs and follow directions
- Inform the designated COVID-19 Contact Person at my college if I have a positive test
- Participate as requested in testing and contact tracing
- Act in accordance with NH DHHS guidelines if I test positive for COVID-19, if I am identified as having been in close contact of a confirmed case of COVID19 or if I fall under any travel restrictions that may be in place for COVID-19
- Recognize that COVID-19 does not stop at campus boundaries and be aware that my behavior outside campus can create risks for my on-campus community
- Remember that not everyone is affected equally by COVID-19 and by complying with COVID-19 health guidelines, I will help those who are most vulnerable to stay safe

This Social Compact is part of the Student Code of Conduct adopted for the 2020-21 academic year.

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