

DOLPHINS DECLARATION

(SPRING 2021)

After successfully completing the fall 2020 semester without having to pause in person instruction or send students home, Le Moyne College is eager to welcome students back for the spring 2021 semester! Like the fall, all community members must do their part to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The College continues to rely upon the guidance and direction of local, state, and federal government officials along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In the spirit of the Jesuit ideals of the *Magis* and *Men and Women for and with others*, we all must be mindful of our actions and how our choices and behaviors can enhance or imperil the health and safety of ourselves and others in our community. Our **Dolphins Declaration** motivates us to do all that we can to create an environment where everyone has an opportunity to participate in the wide range of activities available at the College as safely as possible.

As an extension of the College's Community Standards, Le Moyne Dolphins declare the need to protect the College Community from the spread of COVID-19 and will protect themselves, others and the community as indicated below.

PROTECT MYSELF

I will:

- Comply with all pre-arrival and onboarding COVID testing protocols which includes getting a viral test before arriving on campus and immediately upon arriving on campus. Get tested if instructed to do so by any health care provider or public health professional at the College if they determine it is necessary
- Monitor myself daily for the symptoms of COVID-19 by completing the #CampusClear health screening app.
- Immediately self-isolate and contact the Student Health Center or COVID Office should I become sick with any cold or flu like symptoms, or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Contact Security if I experience possible symptoms of COVID-19 during hours that the Student Health Center is closed and 911 if I have difficulty breathing or experience emergency symptoms. You can review emergency symptoms of COVID [here](#).
- Follow all isolation or quarantine instructions and not leave any isolation or quarantine area unless in immediate danger (i.e. fire alarm activation) or until released by appropriate authority.
- Be vaccinated for the Influenza virus before arriving on campus.
- Maintain appropriate 6 feet of physical distancing whenever possible both indoors and outdoors.

- Practice good hand hygiene by washing my hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, after blowing my nose, coughing or sneezing, before touching food, and after using the bathroom. I will use hand sanitizer at times when soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching my face, mouth, eyes, or nose.
- Avoid sharing food, drink, utensils or similar items.
- Minimize touching surfaces in shared areas.
- Carry hand sanitizer, an extra face covering, and cleaning wipes in my bag/backpack.
- Avoid crowded rooms, elevators, busses, and off-campus locations where social distancing is difficult.
- Keep track of my activities and limit my social contacts to a core group of friends in order to help protect me and to assist with possible exposure (contact) tracing.
- Respond to messages (texts and phone) from contact tracers to enable tracking of the disease.
- Check my College email account at least once a day to stay informed about health and safety updates and/or responses to COVID-19.
- Respond to messages from College personnel who may be checking on my well-being and/or need my assistance.
- Abide by any new public health guidelines issued by the COVID Office during the semester.
- Sign up for Heights Alert.

PROTECT OTHERS

I will:

- Wear a face covering (i.e. cloth or surgical mask over nose and mouth) any time I am indoors on campus--excluding my assigned residence hall room/suite/townhouse/house/apartment and when I am eating, drinking or sleeping--including but not limited to hallways, bathrooms, academic spaces, study/lounge spaces, dining facilities, and fitness facilities, and any time I am outdoors while within six feet of another person. I understand that if I am outside and on campus, I can remove my face covering if I can maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times. I will have my face covering with me at all times, even when I am outdoors. I will wash my hands before wearing my face covering and after removal.
- Maintain appropriate 6 feet of physical distancing whenever possible both indoors and outdoors.
- Observe modified occupancy limits of indoor spaces and follow any signage directing traffic patterns or other social distancing precautions.
- Stay home (or in my residence hall room) and contact the Student Health Center, the COVID Office or Security (after hours) if I feel ill or after possible exposure to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19 and avoid close contact with others.
- Abide by any new public health guidelines issued by the COVID Office during the semester.

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY

I will:

- Participate in testing and contact tracing as instructed to preserve the health of our community.
- Adhere to isolation and quarantine instructions if I test positive for COVID-19 or I am exposed to someone who has tested positive.
- Limit leaving my home or residential facility to attending in-person classes, tending to necessary College business, work, shopping and meal pick-up, health care, outdoor activities, and other necessary College or personal business.
- Limit my own personal travel beyond the Syracuse area (except as required to commute to the campus for school or work).
- Acknowledge that travel beyond the Syracuse area, particularly out of state, may require me to follow additional public health measures such as self-quarantine.
- Consider and plan for the possibility of being required to vacate campus at any point throughout the semester and/or at the completion of the semester.
- **Adhere to residential facility closure (at the beginning of the semester and until any changes are announced) to everyone except residents of that building** and campus employees acting in their official capacity. (Guests/visitors are not permitted regardless of their status as a student or not.)
- **Acknowledge and commit that (at the beginning of the semester and until any changes are announced) only individuals assigned to a specific residence hall room/suite/townhouse/house/apartment will occupy that room/suite/townhouse/house/apartment** at any time. (Guests/visitors are not permitted in any room/suite/townhouse/house/apartment at any time. A guest/visitor is any individual who is not assigned to a specific room/suite/townhouse/house/apartment and who is not a campus employee acting in their official capacity.)
- Keep my personal belongings and shared common spaces clean.
- Carefully observe instructional signs and follow directions in both on and off campus locations.
- Serve as an active bystander by encouraging social distancing and other public health guidelines.
- Report any concerns regarding students or employees in non-compliance with any of the items listed in the **Dolphins Declaration** to the Student Development Office or a Campus Life and Leadership staff member or the Office of Human Resources if employee related.

The potential continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting risks and implications for on-campus residential education are not fully foreseeable. As a result, the College may from time to time establish conditions, policies, rules, and restrictions different from, or in addition to, those appearing above, in order to account for actual or potential impacts of the pandemic. I agree to comply with, and acknowledge that my ability to remain on campus is contingent upon fulfillment of, any and all such lawful conditions, policies, rules and restrictions.

The College expects all members of our community to adhere to our **Dolphins Declaration** both on and off campus. Students who do not adhere to the Declaration will be considered to have violated the College's Community Standards and may be subject to consequences including revocation of specified campus privileges, removal from campus housing, removal from in-person classes, and possibly a formal disciplinary board hearing that could result in suspension or expulsion. Students who believe they may not be able to adhere to the Dolphins Declaration due to disability-related reasons should contact Roger Purdy (purdyrg@lemoyne.edu; 315-445-4118) in the Office of Disability Services to request a reasonable accommodation/modification.

I acknowledge that notwithstanding precautions undertaken by Le Moyne College, presence on campus and/or occupancy of on-campus residential or other facilities or premises carries inherently elevated risks of contracting communicable diseases such as COVID-19, that some of these risks may not presently be known, and that the risks may be even higher for certain populations. I have reviewed applicable guidance published by the College and/or applicable public health authorities with respect to the impacts of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2, will continue to review any such guidance as it is issued, and have evaluated (and will evaluate) this information with the benefit of such medical advice as I have deemed (or will deem) necessary. In the event that I elect to be present on campus and/or occupy Le Moyne College residential and/or other facilities or premises during some or all of the spring 2021 semester, I acknowledge that this action is a result of my voluntary decision, based on evaluation of the circumstances and with knowledge of the attendant risks and consideration of the possibility of unknown risks, that the benefits of doing so outweigh the risks of doing so, and that I am therefore willing to assume such risks (both known and unknown).