



Student Handbook Addendum

2020-2021 COVID-19 Pandemic Policies

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The following policies will be in effect for the entire 2020-2021 academic year unless otherwise rescinded in writing. All policies will be reviewed throughout the year and may be modified if needed. Students will receive reasonable notice prior to policy changes mid-year.

1. [Addition] Face Coverings and Physical Distancing

Students and guests are required to wear face coverings and observe physical distancing while inside any AIC facility where others are present, and while outside when social distancing cannot be guaranteed with the following exceptions:

- Students are not expected to wear face coverings when they are in their private residence hall rooms, suites, or apartments.
- Everyone is expected to wear a face covering in all dining facilities until they are seated and ready to eat and then replace it afterward.

Students will be provided with two face masks but can wear their own face covering as long as it complies with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local government regulations (if applicable).

Everyone at AIC is responsible for keeping the community healthy and we understand people will make mistakes as we adjust to this new normal. Students who are not wearing a face covering or maintaining physical distancing may be asked to modify their behavior at any time by any member of the campus community. This should be viewed as a friendly reminder that we are all in this together and looking out for the well-being of the community.

Students who are found responsible for willfully and/or regularly violating the Face Coverings and Physical Distancing policy will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the College.

2. *[Modification]* **Housing Agreement, Section 21, part b – Guests/Visitation/Quiet Hours**

Students will not be permitted to have non-AIC guests or AIC guests that are not assigned to their residence hall in their building during the beginning of the semester. Students are encouraged to limit socialization to within their own residence hall and preferably within their own floor. Students must follow the Face Coverings and Physical Distancing policy at all times when in a space with someone other than their assigned roommate (if applicable).

While we hope to allow greater flexibility with the guest policy as the semester progresses, the health and safety of the campus community is our highest priority. We understand that this may be challenging, but limiting guests will help maintain appropriate limited occupancy in each residence hall and decrease transmission between students if someone is exposed to the virus.

Students who are found responsible for violating the Residence Hall Guest policy will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from residency.

3. *[Addition]* **Parties and Social Gatherings**

Unsanctioned parties and social gatherings (whether on campus or off campus) that put the health and safety of the AIC community at risk are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This would typically be defined as any gathering of multiple students in one space that makes maintaining physical distancing difficult or impossible and brings more than double the number of people together in a space than the intended occupancy. Example: if 4 people are assigned to an Edgewood apartment, there can be no more than 4 guests in the apartment (for a total of 8), if the guest policy currently allows. Students must follow the Face Coverings and Physical Distancing policy at all times when in a space with someone other than their assigned roommate (if applicable).

Students who are found responsible for violating the Parties and Social Gatherings policy may be subject to fines and will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the College.

4. *[Modification]* **Section 8, Part III - Acorn Heights Alcohol Policy**

Alcohol lowers inhibitions and can lead to students making poor choices regarding wearing face coverings, physical distancing, and having guests in their space. To protect the health and safety of all students and to discourage large gatherings, alcohol is prohibited from Acorn Heights and all other AIC residence halls during the 2020-2021 academic year.

5. *[Addition]* **Contact Tracing Compliance and Amnesty**

To ensure the timely identification of potential exposures, all students are required to participate in any contact tracing measures deemed necessary by the Department of Public Health and American International College. Information gathered as part of contact tracing will not subject the participating student to College disciplinary action.

6. *[Addition]* **Comply with Testing Requirements**

All students who are living on campus, attending in-person classes, or participating in athletics, must be tested upon arrival and receive a negative COVID-19 test result prior to attending in-person classes or athletic activities. Students who live on campus will remain in a modified quarantine through at least 7 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

All students are required to comply with testing requirements established by the institution as well as regulations established by federal, state or local governments. This includes testing if a student develops symptoms and any applicable initial screening or ongoing surveillance. Additionally, students may also be required to be tested if they are identified through contact tracing as a close contact to a person that has tested positive for COVID-19.

Students who refuse to be tested, will be required to quarantine off campus for a period of time consistent with current government regulations and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

7. *[Addition]* **Comply with Quarantine and Isolation Housing Requirements**

Students who are deemed a close contact, through contact tracing, to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, will be required to temporarily move to quarantine housing. Students under quarantine must comply with testing requirements and maintain strict quarantine until they have completed the required quarantine period per Health Services and consistent with current government regulations. Students under quarantine must not enter the on-campus dining facilities but will be allowed to place a take-out order from Dining Services using the instructions provided by Health Services and Residence Life. Meals will be delivered to students in quarantine.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to temporarily move to designated isolation housing. While living in isolation housing, students will not be permitted to enter any buildings on campus, may not have guests in the building, and should not leave their temporary assignment except for emergencies. Students in isolation housing must comply with monitoring requirements from Health Services and will have meals delivered to them, so as not to enter the dining facilities. Students must follow all instructions from Health Services and The Office of Residence Life before returning to their regular housing assignment.

8. [Addition] **Limit Travel Off-Campus and Abide by Local, State, and Federal Travel Restrictions (if applicable)**

Students are asked to limit off-campus travel to the greatest extent possible and are reminded that they must follow local, state, and federal travel restrictions. If a student travels to a location that is deemed high risk, they may be required to quarantine off campus for a period of time consistent with current government regulations and guidelines from the CDC, or pay for a COVID-19 test prior to returning to campus. These measures are in place to keep the AIC community safe and it is important that everyone takes their responsibility to the other members of the community seriously.

Students who violate local, state, and federal travel restrictions will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the College.