ECU Community Expectations

By working together, we can keep Pirate Nation safe for a successful Fall 2021 semester. Remember #PiratesProtectPirates.

Note: These expectations will be updated in accordance with local, state, and federal guidance as needed.

- **Stay in compliance.** All individuals participating in on-campus activities, including employees and students, must be compliant with ECU’s Community Expectations. Compliance with community expectations in the fall is anticipated to require one of the following:
  - Proof that the individual is vaccinated with an FDA emergency use authorized or WHO approved vaccine, or
  - Compliance with ECU’s reentry and/or surveillance testing program, or
  - Proof that the individual has tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 90 days.

- **Follow face covering requirements.** ECU requires face coverings in the following **indoor situations** to protect against a possible Covid-19 surge upon return to full density on campus:
  - Classrooms, teaching laboratories, studios, and other spaces where instruction occurs, unless a safety plan has been submitted and an approved exception has been issued,
  - Any indoor setting where social distancing of at least three feet cannot be maintained, and
  - Spaces identified per the current Governor’s Executive Order.

On ECU’s campus, no face covering is required outdoors. All unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear a face covering outdoors when social distancing of at least three feet cannot be maintained. This face-covering requirement will be re-evaluated on or before September 15, 2021.

- **Practice good hand hygiene.** Wash hands frequently, for 20 seconds at a time. If soap and water are not readily available, use alcohol-based sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

- **Follow signage or requirements when directed.** While social distancing and mass gathering limits are no longer required, people are expected to follow signage directing traffic flow through building entrances, exits, elevators and other common areas, to reduce density. Individual activities and facilities may have more specific requirements based upon the unique risks presented.

- **When sick, stay home from work or class.** Before coming to work or class, self-assess your health for these [CDC symptoms identified by the CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html). If you have symptoms, do not attend work or class, and contact your medical provider. Fill out the [COVID-19 Self Reporting Form](https://www.campushealth.ecu.edu/covid-19-reporting) in Pirateport and notify your instructor and/or supervisor if you need to miss class or work.

- **Follow all directions given by university officials and public health authorities.** This includes directions related to testing, contact tracing, and adhering to isolation and quarantine requirements if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, have possible COVID-19 symptoms, or have been deemed a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

- **Follow limitations and protocols as identified under the Responsible Behavior Initiative.** Limit in-person gatherings to the number of individuals currently specified by ECU
and by local, state, and national guidance (including the governor’s executive orders, requirements of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, etc.). Face coverings are recommended for unvaccinated individuals, and some locations may have additional requirements for community safety. These requirements apply to all university-hosted meetings and gatherings, as well as meetings and gatherings hosted by students and student organizations, regardless of whether they take place on campus or off campus. **Students and student organizations that host or attend a gathering on or off campus in violation of these limitations are subject to disciplinary action.**

- **Follow appropriate surveillance testing protocols.** This includes re-entry and regular surveillance testing for unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff as determined by ECU.

- **Vaccinations are encouraged and available on campus for faculty, staff, and students.** Schedule your appointment through Student Health Services. If you have received your vaccine elsewhere, such as a pharmacy, you are encouraged to let the university know by uploading your vaccine card to your MyPIRATEChart.

- **All students (including student organizations), faculty, and staff are expected to follow these expectations both on and off campus.** These community expectations — as well as all other rules, practices, and guidelines ECU has implemented to reduce the risk of COVID-19 — are supplemental and in addition to university policies, regulations, and rules already in place.

Failure to follow these community expectations or any other university policy or guidance related to COVID-19 health and safety, on or off campus, may lead to administrative and/or disciplinary action. Violations of state or local laws, ordinances, or executive orders are also subject to criminal citations or penalties. See the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities COVID-19 webpage for more information about requirements and sanctions for violating community expectations.

Although ECU has instituted many reasonable practices to lessen or reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19, ECU cannot guarantee that you will never be exposed to or get sick from the virus, and ECU cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic could cause further interruption to academic and campus activities and operations. We also don’t know all of the long-term effects of COVID-19, and we acknowledge it is possible to contract COVID-19 even when following safety precautions recommended by government authorities, agencies, and university policies and practices. But what we can do together is to try to keep ourselves and our community healthy, slow the spread and do our part to protect our Pirates.