



**STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY AND WAIVER
FOR ALL STUDENTS**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have been advised of the risks associated with participating in classroom instruction and other in person educational programming and activities, including but not limited to residential housing ("in person educational activities") during times of increased health concerns and risks of communicable diseases. Specifically, I understand that although Rowan University has instituted policies and procedures intended to minimize the risk of the spreading of contagious disease, including COVID-19, such risks are unavoidable in certain in person educational activities and settings.

While this Acknowledgment of Risk and Responsibility and Waiver is not limited to COVID-19 and addresses the risk of spread of all infectious diseases, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. There is no current vaccine for COVID-19. COVID-19's highly contagious nature means that contact with others can lead to infection. In addition, we continue to learn additional information about transmission but transmission through other means may be possible. Additionally, individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic for a period of time, or may never become symptomatic at all. Because of its highly contagious and sometimes "hidden" nature, it is currently very difficult to control the spread of COVID-19 or to determine whether, where, or how a specific individual may have been exposed to the disease.

Aware of the foregoing, I am voluntarily returning to the campus of Rowan University and electing to participate in in person educational activities. I understand that the University has put in place new safety rules and precautions in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which rules and precautions may be updated at any time. While acknowledging that these rules and precautions may or may not be effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, I agree to comply with such rules and precautions. I understand that failing to comply with these rules and precautions is a violation of the University's Student Code of Conduct and that failing to comply could subject me to sanctions up to and including removal from in person educational activities and other discipline in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

If I am planning on residing in University housing, I have been advised about the residential environment. I understand that students who reside in residential settings on campus and Affiliated Housing typically reside with unrelated roommates, share communal bathrooms, common areas, study rooms, lounges, dining spaces, and other areas. I have received information relating to university cleaning protocols and understand that while university-controlled spaces will be subject to regular cleanings designed to minimize the spread of viral respiratory illnesses, infection in community settings is possible even with such regular cleanings.

By signing this Acknowledgment of Risk and Responsibility and Waiver, I acknowledge that I may be exposed to or infected by communicable diseases, including, but not limited to COVID-19, by participating in certain in person educational activities; and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death. I understand that social distancing has been recommended to prevent the transmission, as well as other mitigation measures where social distancing is not possible, including the wearing of face coverings. I understand that I will be required to use a face covering in certain areas, activities, and in person instruction, as well as common areas in residential environments. I understand that a face covering will be provided to me for my use in appropriate situations but I may choose to wear my own face covering if I prefer. I understand that the use of the face covering does not remove all risks of illness, nor does it make it inherently safe to return to campus. I alone have to determine the sufficiency of any face covering or other precautions that I decide to take to minimize the risks of returning to campus. No party related to University, including any officer, employee, agent, volunteer, or student, has made any representations to me regarding the safety of, or the risks of, returning to campus that I have relied on. I have relied instead on my own judgment as to whether to undertake the risks. I expressly acknowledge that my choice of a face covering is at my



discretion.

I have been advised to consult available information provided by relevant governmental agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control guidelines at <https://www.cdc.gov>, the New Jersey Department of Health, and other entities relating to specific warnings and advisories impacting my participation in in person educational activities. I have been advised to consult with a healthcare provider of my own choosing to determine whether there are special risks that might prevent me from participation in these activities, including living in a residential environment. I affirm that to the best of my knowledge I am in good physical health and free from cardiovascular, respiratory or other diseases or ailments that could expose me to heightened risks from exposure to COVID-19 and if I do have heightened risk from these or other conditions, I have consulted with my healthcare provider to obtain advice on minimizing risk.

I further acknowledge that I have received information about infectious diseases and information about the prevention of spreading communicable diseases and infection. I understand that while the university is implementing precautions, including enhanced cleaning, the risk of infection cannot be completely eliminated. I further acknowledge that if I have symptoms, of COVID-19 or any other contagious or infectious disease, or have a documented infectious disease encounter, I will immediately contact the Wellness Center and will not attend in person educational activities until I may safely do so.

I have been advised that I may be required to engage in certain self-monitoring to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Such self-monitoring may include the taking of my temperature and the reporting of symptoms such as chills, fever, respiratory issues, nausea, fatigue, or other signs of illness to designated University officials. I have been advised that I may be required to engage in virtual learning if I have symptoms until such time as I have received a negative test result or am permitted to return to class according to public health guidance in effect at the time.

I have also been advised that I will be expected to participate in public health investigations. These investigations will require me to provide accurate information relating to my whereabouts and my contacts in connection with potential spread of infectious diseases. This may include but may not be limited to enabling a GPS tracking on my cellular device or installing an App designed to track my location for public health purposes and I understand that I may be required to allow Rowan to use such tracking data to conduct public health investigations. I understand that this information will not be used for other purposes, including but not limited to disciplinary or criminal matters unless required by law.

If I am living in University housing or affiliated housing, I have been advised that I may be subject to testing for presence of infectious diseases, including submitting to testing based on the presence of the above-described symptoms or testing due to possible exposure. I have been advised that I may be required to engage in self-isolation if I test positive for presence of infectious disease or in other appropriate circumstances. Such self-isolation may require my temporary return to my principal place of residence or a private residence of my choosing or if such residence is not available, the possible relocation to an identified area deemed appropriate for self-isolation. If I am required to relocate or remain in self-isolation, I will be provided access to essential services and to educational programming, but I will be required to follow applicable public health recommendations relating to self-isolation as well as guidelines established by designated University officials.

I have reviewed the Risk and Responsibility Acknowledgment and I understand that I have voluntarily elected to attend in person activities. I have also reviewed the Student Code of Conduct and understand that my failure to comply with the above agreements, including my agreement to wear face coverings in required settings, to participate in public health investigations, to engage in social distancing, to temporarily self-isolate, and to observe other precautions outlined above or as may be required in accordance with public health recommendations may result in my removal from in person educational activities and/or appropriate action under the Code of Conduct.

In full awareness of the above and in consideration of my election to participate in certain in person activities, to the extent permitted by law, I do hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims

