



Social Contract Spring 2021

At Seton Hill University, the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and students is our top priority. In response to COVID-19, in alignment with our mission that is rooted in principles of Catholic Social Teaching and concern for the Common Good of each member of our Community, the University is putting several measures in place to provide a safer campus to attend class, live, and work. We are certainly challenged this year to live our Mission and to serve each other in solidarity and compassion in the spirit and tradition of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Sisters of Charity. As individuals, we must remember that we each play a critical role in the health and safety of all members of our community, and we must recognize that our actions have an impact on others.

Please read the following agreement carefully. By signing at the bottom, you are agreeing to abide by the terms of the agreement.

With the evolving nature of the pandemic, the University's plans are subject to change. The University reserves the right to update our plans and the terms of this social contract to reflect such changes, which may be informed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and/or local, state or federal regulations.

Before Arriving to Campus I Will:

- Receive a flu shot and provide a record proving receipt of flu shot to SHU Health Services. Exemptions will be granted for medical or religious reasons in accordance with the [Student Immunization and Screening Policy](#).
- Install the SaferMe contact tracing application on my cell phone, keep it active and submit daily health checks through it.
- Monitor my health for COVID-related symptoms for 14 days prior to arrival.
- Complete the COVID training video, if I am a new student.
- Move into my room during the designated time or delay my plans to arrive on campus if I am feeling ill or have signs of any illness. I will wait until I am fully recovered before traveling to campus.
- Be tested on or after January 22, 2021* for COVID either at Seton Hill or at an off-site location. If tested at a site other than Seton Hill, a PCR nasal swab test result must be provided to Seton Hill Health Services by February 1, 2021 to be cleared for classes that begin on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. If a positive result is received, all isolation protocols must be followed.
*Testing dates may vary if I am a graduate student or a spring sport athlete. I will contact my Program Director, Head Coach, or Health Services for more information.

While On Campus I Will:

- Wear a face covering at all times while on-campus until further notice. I recognize I am not required to wear a face covering if I am alone in my residence hall room, bathing/showering, in my car, eating, drinking, or at least six (6) feet away from anyone while outdoors.
- Respect others by practicing physical distancing of six (6) feet and will engage in enhanced hygiene and cleaning efforts by regularly washing my hands. Sanitizing wipes available in public areas should be used as much as possible.
- Only utilize campus community spaces such as Lowe dining hall, lounges, study areas, classrooms, picnic tables, etc. as prescribed and will follow all signage.

- Complete the COVID-19 Daily Self-Checklist each day via the SaferMe app which includes taking my temperature. I will only come to campus or leave my residence hall room if I am not exhibiting any symptoms of illness as indicated on the Checklist.
- Contact SHU Health Services or my healthcare provider immediately if I am not feeling well and isolate myself in my room or at my home until I receive further recommendations. I will comply with any request to isolate or quarantine made by Health Services or my healthcare provider and will be available for daily health check-ins via telemedicine. I recognize that my failure to comply with the directives of the medical professionals may result in my inability to be on campus.
- Provide my consent for SHU Health Services staff to communicate my COVID-19 status to my emergency contact and SHU personnel on a need-to-know basis.
- Be mindful of my social interactions, employment, and travel locations to minimize my exposure to the COVID-19 virus, and therefore, minimize the exposure of others. This includes not traveling to hot spots, or going to high-density spaces, such as gyms, restaurants, bars, sporting events, or large gatherings where social distancing, mask-wearing and other mitigation strategies are not being followed or enforced.
- Remain in Westmoreland county or my home county area as much as possible, and to the extent practical.
- Eliminate non-essential travel to and from other states, especially locations that the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) places on a travel advisory list. Examples of non-essential travel include attending a friend's wedding, visiting friends/family, sightseeing, or short weekend trips.
 - Students who choose to participate in non-essential travel or activities that require them to quarantine, should know that faculty are not required to provide remote learning during the time of such quarantine. Students must report all travel plans to SHU Health Services to determine any required testing or the period of quarantine upon return. In addition, students must contact their academic advisor, instructors and the Provost's Office to inform them that they have participated or plan to participate in non-essential travel or activities. The instructors will determine what arrangements, if any, may be possible for remote access or make-up work.
- In the event travel is necessary, comply with all University, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and CDC travel guidance, restrictions, and orders, including avoiding the use of public transportation, such as planes, buses, trains, etc., when possible. Please report all travel plans to SHU Health Services to determine any required testing or period of quarantine upon return.
- If contacted by the SHU Contact Tracing, agree to respond promptly, but no later than 24 hours, and answer all questions honestly.
- Agree not to host any non-Seton Hill guests, including family members, in my campus residence hall. Comply with the maximum occupancy of each room being twice the number of assigned residents in that room, not to exceed 10 people.
- Agree not to host or attend any in-person gatherings of more than 10 people off-campus.
- Comply with all COVID-19 requirements and guidelines established by the University. The University requirements are influenced by the guidance offered by the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health, but may be more restrictive in an effort to protect the health and safety of the campus community.
- Stay up-to-date on the information, directions and requirements shared by the University by checking my e-mail regularly, enrolling in e2Campus and visiting the COVID-19 Seton Hill website.
- If required by Seton Hill University Health Services, participate in randomized COVID-19 testing.
- Seek reasonable accommodations from the Office of Disability Services if I am unable to follow the University's expectations. If my requested accommodation(s) cannot be approved by the office, I will follow the University's expectations or I will continue to study remotely.

- Understand that I am strongly encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available.* If I do choose to be vaccinated, I will be diligent in receiving the vaccination according to any prescribed dosage schedule and will upload documentation of receiving my dosage(s) to Med+Proctor within 48 hours.
*If my internship or site placement (clinical rotations, supervised practices, practica, field placements, etc.) has its own vaccination requirements and procedures, I will abide by them.

I understand that to protect the campus community and myself, I must abide by the rules reflected in this Social Contract, and they may be modified by the University at any time. I understand that violations of the Social Contract may result in removal from campus and/or disciplinary action in accordance with the [COVID Resolution Board Policy](#). In the event there is a conflict between a provision of this contract and an existing University policy, this contract shall control.

By signing this Social Contract, I agree to abide by these rules and regulations. I acknowledge that Seton Hill University cannot eliminate the risk of illness during a global pandemic.

Signature _____ Date _____

Related Documents: [Social Contract for Residential Living Spring 2021](#)