

SPECIAL ADDENDUM TO THE STUDENT HANDBOOK RELATED TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This special addendum of the Student Handbook is notifying you that the College of Charleston has established the following rules and may, as this academic year (2020-21) continues, establish further rules in an effort to reduce the risk of the spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19").

COVID-19 additions to the Student Code of Conduct. New prohibitions:

- **Refusal to comply with CDC and SC-DHEC¹ guidelines related to COVID-19**
- **Refusal to comply with directives related to health and safety issued by federal, state, local and campus authorities**

These additions are EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY and linked to the following standards in the Student Code of Conduct:

B.2.g. Disruption or obstruction of teaching, studying, research, administration, conduct proceedings, living/learning environment, or other college activities, including its public service functions on or off campus or other authorized non-college activities.

B.2.h. Failure to comply: A failure to act in accordance with the directions of College officials acting in performance of their duties.

C.5. Reckless behavior: Endangering the safety of persons (self or others) or property, or any action that might lead to loss of life or serious physical harm to others.

C.6. Alleged or actual violation of federal, state, or local laws on College premises, at College-sponsored or College-supervised activities, or elsewhere, including off-campus locations, if such conduct adversely affects the College community and its mission.

Range of possible sanctions (in order of progression) for students:

- First Violation: Notice of report and public health information sent to offender
- Second Violation: Online tutorial on the necessity of related risk mitigation measures
- Third Violation: Formal charge with all affiliated conduct procedures

In classroom setting: All faculty members have authority to deny entry to any student who does not have and/or refuses to put on a face covering.

Off Campus - New Prohibition

The College reserves the right to take action based on any student conduct, regardless of location, that may adversely affect the educational mission of the College or that may adversely, distinctly or directly affect the College community. Students are expected to adhere to local directives about gathering sizes (inside and outside); social distancing, face coverings, noise and other ordinances.

We must make special note of parties and social gatherings given our experiences in late spring and during the summer. We received notices from the City of Charleston and neighbors of relatively large gatherings of young adults where no one was wearing face coverings or adhering to the guidelines of social distanc-

ing. We are living through a pandemic and your behavior off campus could impact the health and welfare of others.

Therefore, we are instituting the following: Off-campus parties or social gatherings, public or private, whether hosted by individuals or student organizations must abide by the most strict policy in place by local jurisdictions and/or the College.

Do not host or attend parties or social gatherings with more than 10 people, including the hosts. If you do, you will face consequences from the College.

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Remember, upon your enrollment you have agreed to comply with all directives, rules, and regulations which may be promulgated and established by the College of Charleston, in the interests of health, safety, and the proper conduct of its community.

We anticipate lessening and/or removing these additional rules when the circumstances permit.