



THE DRAGON PLEDGE 2020-2021



INTRODUCTION

At Drexel University, we share a special bond. WE ARE DRAGONS: a diverse and vibrant community, driven by a formidable quest for learning, research and innovation.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and our return to campus in the fall, we must work together to preserve and maintain the health and safety of all members of our community. By taking The Dragon Pledge, we commit to maintaining a culture of health and safety on campus, in transportation vehicles, facilities, properties and buildings, and in shared public places to protect ourselves, each other and those in the community around us.

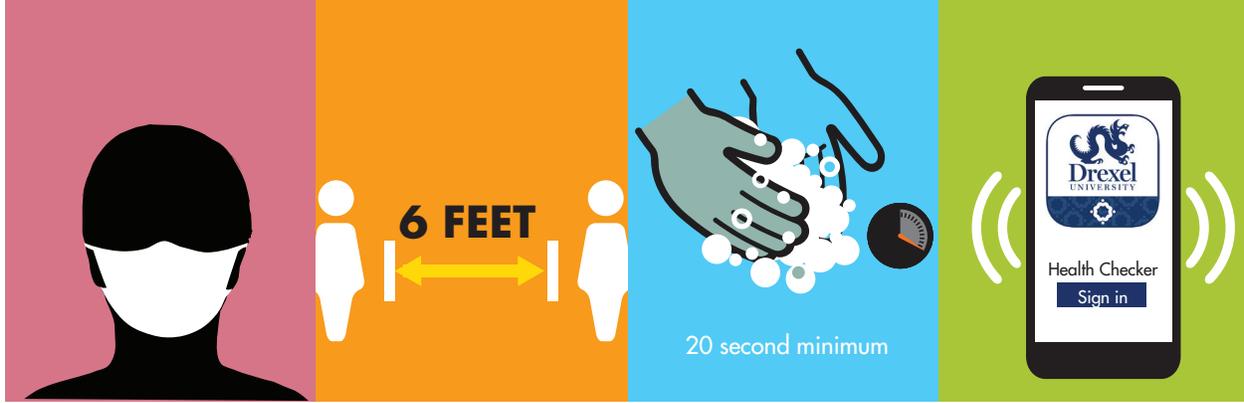
The Dragon Pledge is the commitment we each make as Drexel University students, faculty, professional staff (including employees covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreements), trustees, officers and all other members of the University community, including but not limited to campus guests, visitors and third parties doing business or providing services on campus (e.g., vendors, independent contractors and consultants). The Dragon Pledge is our individual and shared commitment to take critical, proactive measures that keep each other safe.

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As a member of the Drexel University community, I understand and agree that:

- I play an important role in continuing the research and experiential learning that are core to Drexel education. Together, my fellow Drexel community members and I are stronger as a community when we all do our part to keep our campus safe.
- I am responsible for my own health, protecting others and keeping the Drexel community safe.
- The University may share information about my COVID-19 exposure and/or status on a need to know basis, limited to use in ensuring health, safety, and University operations.
- My actions have implications for the health and safety of myself and others. Therefore, I will abide by COVID-19 health and safety requirements issued by federal, state and local authorities, as well as by Drexel University public health experts. Any personal travel will be subject to public health directives, including quarantine and testing requirements, as issued by federal, state, and city/local public health advisories and guidance.
- I will participate in and complete any awareness, education or training exercises that may be required over time to learn the required health and safety practices needed to navigate our campus.
- If I violate any portion of The Dragon Pledge, I put myself and others at risk. Accordingly, my decisions, actions and behavior in violation of The Dragon Pledge will be subject to review by Drexel University Student Life in accordance with established protocols that can be found in the [Drexel Student Code of Conduct](#), or by Human Resources in accordance with the [Health Crisis Policy](#).





To protect the health, safety and well-being of the Drexel University community, I make the following commitment:

FACE MASKS

- To always wear a face mask while on campus (including outdoors) and in all Drexel facilities, properties and buildings, including leased properties.
- To ensure that my face mask covers my nose and mouth to prevent inadvertently spreading COVID-19 while interacting with others outside my residence, on campus and in Drexel facilities, properties and buildings, even while practicing social/physical distancing. If I cannot wear a face mask for medical reasons, I will reach out to the Office of Disability Resources and/or Human Resources regarding a reasonable accommodation and wear a face shield, if appropriate.
- To ensure I obtain a face mask on my own, or obtain one reusable, washable cloth face mask as provided by Drexel University for every student, faculty, and professional staff member from the designated locations.
- To wear a face mask when I leave my place of residence, both on and off campus.

SOCIAL/PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- To maintain appropriate (at least six (6) feet) physical distance from others whenever possible, even while wearing a face mask.
- To stay away from ill people and anyone who exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19.
- To stay home and avoid all non-essential activities and contact with others if I am feeling sick and after exposure to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19.

HANDWASHING, HAND SANITIZING

- To wash my hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water, throughout each day and before and after interactions with others.
- To use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when I am unable to wash my hands. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed in all University-owned common areas (e.g., elevator lobbies, main entrances, and some corridors).

HEALTH AND HEALTH TRACKING

- To monitor my own health and symptoms by registering, consenting and logging into the [Drexel Health Checker app](#) on a daily basis. I will use the Drexel Health Checker app to report whether or not I am experiencing COVID-19 or related symptoms. I will use the app to check in at least 2 hours before coming on campus. I will participate in contact tracing and provide information as requested by Drexel Student Health, Human Resources, and/or City and State Public Health Departments. If I receive a positive COVID-19 test result, I will notify Drexel as soon as possible by contacting the Student Health Center by phone (215-220-4700) or through the Drexel Health Checker app (if I am a student); or, if I am a professional staff or faculty member, by emailing covid19health@drexel.edu.



ON CAMPUS

- To meet and gather only in designated and clearly marked areas of campus while wearing a face mask and maintaining appropriate physical distance.
- To carefully observe, read and follow all signage. I will follow procedures and directions for entering and exiting Drexel facilities, properties and buildings, classrooms and other designated areas.
- To carefully pay attention to signage indicating appropriate seating in classroom or other locations. I will only sit in seats and seating areas clearly designated and marked as available.
- To observe and not move or remove signage, tape or barriers intended to designate areas unavailable for seating, congregation or gathering.
- To respond positively to any request by a Drexel community member to wear a face mask in accordance with The Dragon Pledge.

GUESTS, VISITORS, THIRD PARTIES AND COMMUNITY

- To refrain from having guests, including friends, family members and non-Drexel colleagues, on campus and in Drexel facilities, properties and buildings, including in campus residence halls and fraternity and sorority properties. I understand that visitors and third parties doing business or providing services on campus (e.g., vendors, independent contractors and consultants) must comply with all of Drexel's public health policies and procedures, and The Dragon Pledge.
- To not gather in neighboring, public areas without wearing a face mask and practicing social distancing.
- To acknowledge that drinking alcohol and using other drugs will increase my risk of engaging in risky behavior and/or needing medical treatment, including the increased risk of being exposed to higher-risk contact with others. Alcohol consumption and recreational drug use will not be considered an excuse for unauthorized risky COVID-19-related behavior.

Though Drexel University cannot guarantee a risk-free environment, by ascribing to the specific commitment and spirit of **THE DRAGON PLEDGE**, we can help to positively impact the health, safety and well-being of members of the Drexel community. The Dragon Pledge may be modified and further specified over time as changes pertaining to the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic require. By taking the Dragon Pledge, above all else, I agree to be attentive and supportive of my health and safety and that of others as we navigate through this unprecedented time.