

University of Valley Forge Community Life Addendum

The University of Valley Forge believes that our growth together as a community is part of our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. The following expectations for community life during the COVID-19 pandemic have been established not only with guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), but also with reflection on our role as representatives of Christ, and in careful consideration of the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff. The expectations of this addendum apply to all University of Valley Forge main campus students and align with the principles found in our Student Handbook. All main campus students voluntarily agree to uphold these expectations by virtue of attendance. Changes will be communicated via email and through information posted on MyValleyForge, Student Life tab.

Servant Leadership is our Identity

As Christian university committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ, we endeavor to model Jesus' servant leadership. His love and service toward us and the empowerment of his Holy Spirit enable us to place the good of others above ourselves. By mask wearing and social distancing, for example, we place the safety of others above our own comfort and freedom. In this season, we have a unique and very tangible opportunity to serve one another by engaging in those practices that can protect ourselves, our friends, our families, and our communities.

Community is our Calling

For the health and wellbeing of our entire community—including that of fellow students, staff, faculty and all of our families and friends—we strive together to protect one another, remembering particularly the vulnerable in our immediate community and in the community beyond UVF. Our actions are motivated by love for one another, and reflect our trust in the faithfulness of God.

Community Commitments

Symptom Monitoring/Self Screening

All community members will consistently practice symptom monitoring. All students are requested to take their body temperature daily and to respond to requests for self-reporting of temperature and symptoms.

Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

All community members will consistently practice physical distancing, protective mask wearing, frequent handwashing and hand sanitizer usage, and shielding others when needing to cough or sneeze. Pennsylvania requires people wear a mask/face covering anytime they leave home. "Home" is a student's dorm room/apartment/suite. Masks should also be worn outdoors if a person is unable to maintain social distancing from other individuals.

Room Cleanliness

Residential students will clean the high-contact surfaces of their dorm room/apartment/suite (door knobs, sink handles, toilet handles, etc.) daily.

Illness or Exposure

Community members with possible exposure or symptoms of illness will immediately self-isolate and notify the Health Center by emailing healthcenter@valleyforge.edu. Resident students will also notify their RA and ARA or Campus Security (who will notify the Director on Call) if their RA or ARA cannot be reached.

Quarantining/Isolation Practice

As a result of COVID-19 testing, becoming symptomatic, or becoming exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, some community members may be required to enter quarantine or isolation. Students who are provided with and choose the option of quarantine/isolation on campus will follow all quarantine/isolation guidelines and expectations provided by the Health Center.

Contact Tracing

Community members who test positive for COVID-19 are expected to participate in contact tracing interviews to mitigate the spread of the virus within our community.

Guests

Guests are not permitted on campus except with prior approval and for official purposes. If a student needs to have a parent, family member, or guest in the residence hall temporarily (for example, to bring a heavy item to a student's room), the student will contact the Student Life Office or Security to request authorization in advance.

Travel

UVF strongly recommends students restrict travel while attending classes on campus. If community members choose to travel, they will carefully consider Pennsylvania travel restrictions and quarantine requirements in light of class attendance and job requirements and discuss their travel plans with their supervisor or with room, suite, or apartment-mates. Resident students will follow the usual process of notifying their RA when leaving campus overnight.

Teamwork is our Spirit

Community members are expected to work together to encourage one another in, and to hold one another responsible for, these Community Commitments. No one of us can do it alone. We are all a part of the body of Christ, and we all need one another. With Christ as our Head, we will work together to show love in these practical, tangible ways to one another during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those who do not uphold these commitments or fail to respond to requests to do so will be addressed through the processes described in our Student Handbook.

Questions regarding our Community Life Addendum should be directed to Rev. Jennifer Gale, Vice President of Student Life, jdgale@valleyforge.edu or 610-917-1488.