

## **COVID-19 Rules and Protocols Addendum**

### **Purpose and scope of this Addendum**

COVID-19 disease is the respiratory illness that results from a highly contagious strain of coronavirus, the SARS-CoV-2.

The University must comply with laws, statements, declarations of emergency, directives, orders, guidelines, and recommendations issued by public health or government officials, courts, or other authorities (whether federal, provincial or municipal) regarding the spread of COVID-19 locally and in Canada. Due to the evolving and exceptional circumstances resulting from COVID-19 pandemic and the University's compliance with such applicable laws, Residents accept that their stay and experience in residence may not be as anticipated.

This Addendum to the Residence Life Code of Community Living Standards and Discipline (here known as "the Code") sets out additional terms and conditions related to living in residence as it relates to the evolving and exceptional circumstances resulting from COVID-19. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and the Code, the provisions of this Addendum will apply and take precedence.

This Addendum to the Code can be amended without advance notice in order to respond to the evolving circumstances related to COVID-19, including, without limitation, changes to applicable laws and to University policies and procedures.

This Addendum to the Code applies to all residents. Residents understand the policies outlined in this addendum apply to all including those who may have been vaccinated for COVID-19 and/or a obtained (even recently) a COVID-negative test (even recent).

### **COVID-19 safety measures: Level 3 offense as per section 2.2.0 of the Code**

#### **Level 3 Sanctions**

All offences could be subject to any or all of the following: warning and/or minimum \$150 fine, and/or behavioural contract, and/or community service, probation, and/or seeking cancellation of the lease. Restitution for damage(s) where applicable.

**2.2.0** The commission of any offence may lead to the University to seek the immediate cancellation of the lease if the situation is deemed serious or if the behaviour is of a repetitive nature.

Residents agree to follow applicable laws and all Residence Life or University COVID-19 safety measures, policies, directives, instructions, protocols, requests, or precautions as may be set out in this Addendum or as issued, posted, or communicated to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### Mandatory and ongoing training

All residents must pass a mandatory online training prior to arrival in residence. Ongoing training and updates will be provided through various methods and are mandatory.

#### Contact tracing for COVID-19 cases

In case of a COVID-19 suspected or confirmed case in residence, residents must cooperate with environmental health and safety in their investigation and provide them with all the necessary information to ensure community protection.

#### Isolation procedures

See complete procedure in ANNEX 1 of the present document.

#### Mandatory certified surgical face masks

Certified surgical face masks are mandatory on campus. This includes in residence common spaces and when residents have guests in their room, and all other areas identified by the University. A 2-metre physical distancing must also be respected, even when wearing a mask.

#### Physical distancing

A minimum of 2-metres distance is required in residence at all times, which includes bedrooms. Even with physical distancing, face masks are required.

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### Common rooms & bathroom

Residents are only permitted to use their assigned shower, toilet and sink. The number of people allowed in each common room at a time is based on government guidelines and will be clearly indicated outside of each space. The University reserves the right to close any common areas of residence buildings.

### Guests

No outside guests are allowed in residence building.

You are permitted one (1) guest at a time in your bedroom, and they must be one of the other residents with the same bathroom assignment as you.

On your move-in day you are only permitted two (2) assistants for the duration of your move-in.

### Approved family unit

You can form a "family unit" with the other residents who are part of your assigned shower, toilet and sink. All members of the family unit can use common spaces together and can have members of the family unit in their room (only 1 at a time). Rules around space limitations, guest policies and mandatory masks still apply to the family unit.

Should anyone in the family unit not adhere to the policies and procedures outlined in the addendum, this privilege can be revoked for all family unit members. Should residents gather with people outside of the family unit, this would be considered in violation of the family unit policy.

### **Termination by Residence Life**

The University may need to terminate residence leases if it is unable to safely open, must delay the opening or have to close the residence due to events such as but not limited to:

- Circumstances related to COVID-19 or other public health emergencies or communicable disease outbreaks;
- Applicable laws, decrees, orders or other measures put in place by governments or public health authorities;
- Causes beyond Concordia's reasonable control.

If we are not able to safely open or must delay the opening, a full refund for the meal plan and any paid rent that will be unused will be issued. The University will make reasonable efforts to mitigate the impact of cancellation and give residents as much advance notice of such cancellation as it can, given the circumstances.

In the event the University must close the residence, residents may be asked to vacate their room and the residence building on short notice. In such case, a partial refund will be issued for any days of the lease and the meal plan not used.

You acknowledge that Concordia University, its agents, directors, officers and employees are not liable for any damages, costs, expenses or losses you may incur due to the termination of the lease.

### **Compliance**

Should a resident have symptoms of COVID-19 (or similar), test positive for COVID-19, or be subject to any measure, such as quarantine, due to COVID-19 they agree to adhere to any measures that will be implemented to protect them and the community. This includes but is not limited to restricting a resident's movements in the residence, restricting their presence to their room only, facilitating the cleaning / maintenance of their room while ensuring safety of the personnel.

Residents understand that their lease can be terminated if they fail to respect the COVID-19 requirements from this addendum, the COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the government authorities (e.g. having a large gathering in one of the rooms), meeting other than those sharing a bathroom assignment at the residence other than crossing them in corridors. If a lease is terminated due to non-compliance with this addendum and/or the Code, you will not be refunded for outstanding days of the month for your lease and your meal plan refund will be applicable to policies with the meal plan provider.

### **Waiver/ Information on risk and assumption of risk related to COVID-19**

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The University continues to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our community members within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Similarly, residents must respect the COVID-19 public health directives and take the necessary precautions while living in the residences and during their presence on campus to limit the spread of the virus. Working together contributes to our collective safety.

While the University takes reasonable measures to help lessen the risk of the spread of COVID-19 in connection with your stay in residence, you acknowledge having been informed that the spread of COVID-19 is a global pandemic, and that COVID-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease and that contact with the virus that causes COVID-19 may result in you becoming seriously ill and may cause death. You also acknowledge that it is not possible to eliminate the risk of contracting COVID-19 and that there are risks of contracting COVID-19 associated with your stay in residence and participating in events, services, and programs associated with living in residence. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily choosing to live in residence, accepting such risks and the consequences.

### ***Annex 1***

#### Procedure should you have COVID-19 symptoms

1. Don a procedure (surgical) mask. If none is immediately available, don a face covering.
2. Maintain 2 metres of physical distancing from others and return to your room.
3. Immediately inform the residence life staff by calling the duty phone
4. Call the Public Health COVID Line for instructions.  
Call 1-877-644-4545 (toll free) or 514-644-4545.  
For the hearing impaired (TTY), call 1-800-361 9596 (toll free)  
The Public Health COVID Line is available from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.  
Outside these hours, call Info-Santé 8-1-1 (24/7)
5. Report back to the residence life staff once you have information from the public health COVID line.
6. Pack a bag in preparation for isolation and wait in your room.
7. Complete the Self-Isolation Form on myConcordia (<https://my.concordia.ca/>).  
Contact 514-848-2424, ext. 4877 or [ehs@concordia.ca](mailto:ehs@concordia.ca) if assistance is required to complete form.
8. Follow instruction from residence life staff regarding isolation.

#### WHILE WAITING FOR COVID-19 TEST RESULTS

Remain in self-isolation and follow the instructions of public health authorities, Environmental Health and Safety and Residence life staff

#### IF YOUR COVID-19 TEST IS POSITIVE

1. Refill the self isolation form on myConcordia with the updated information.
2. Inform residence life staff of the result of your test results.
3. Follow the provided public health instructions.
4. Communicate public health instructions to the health services nurse.
5. Advise Environmental Health & Safety by email at [ehs@concordia.ca](mailto:ehs@concordia.ca) of their COVID-19 test results.

#### IF YOUR COVID-19 TEST IS NEGATIVE

1. Inform the health services nurse conducting the daily check of the result of your test
2. Advise Environmental Health & Safety (514-848-2424, ext. 4877 or [ehs@concordia.ca](mailto:ehs@concordia.ca)) of their COVID-19 test results.
3. Wait in the isolation room until further instructions