



The Office of the Dean of Students

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TO: University of Utah Students, Faculty and Staff

FROM: Jason Ramirez, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students
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DATE: Wednesday, September 16, 2020

RE: Covid19 Health and Safety Adjudication Guidelines

The University of Utah remains committed to the safety of our students, staff, faculty, and community and remains committed to our Orange status for Covid19 risk. As students, staff, and faculty have returned to campus, we have discovered new dynamics in which some students have chosen not to adhere to the guidelines and expectations set on campus. The Office of the Dean of Students reaffirms our **shared responsibility** to each other as we adhere to campus safety precautions outlined at coronavirus.utah.edu. Below we have outlined our process for reporting should you need any assistance.

When to Report:

Students who disregard University guidelines such as the requirement to wear a face covering or to quarantine while awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test should be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students. **In consultation with the Office of General Counsel, the University has determined that referring these students for code violations is not a violation of FERPA or HIPPA laws.**

How to Report:

You may refer students to the Office of the Dean of Students in one of the following ways:

- Phone – 801.581.7066
- Email – deanofstudents@utah.edu
- Online Reporting form - https://utah-advocate.symplcity.com/public_report/index.php/pid319547?

What to Expect:

The Office of the Dean of Students will review the report to determine if a Student Code¹ violation has occurred. Our office encourages an education-based informal resolution process, which will include impact-centered conversations to deepen understanding about community responsibility. Repeated violations of the Student Code are subject to more progressive sanctions up to and including written warning, probation, and suspension from the university. Students who repeatedly or deliberately violate the Student Code may also forfeit the opportunity to participate in on-campus courses.

Our office continues to be available for student support and consultation as needed.

¹ [6-400 Section III\(A\)\(3\)](#) “...behavior which...endangers the health or safety of any member of the University community or any other person while on University premises, at University activities, or on premises over which the University has supervisory responsibility pursuant to state statute or local ordinance.”