

## **Informed Consent Agreement for Students Participating in On-campus Programming for the Fall Semester**

**The University of New Hampshire (UNH)** is looking forward to welcoming students, faculty and staff back to our campuses for in-person instruction. We will need the help, cooperation and participation of you and every other member of our university community to maintain a reasonably healthy and safe environment. While none of us can ensure each campus will be free from the risk of contracting COVID-19, by working together we can manage and mitigate the risk. We ask you to help reduce the risk of transmission by staying current on information about the virus provided by public health officials and experts. **UNH** has established and implemented public university-wide protocols [COVID-19 website page](#) designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 on its campuses and to help safeguard vulnerable persons on its campuses, in the **Town of Durham**, in the cities of **Manchester** and **Concord**, and in the wider community for the 2020-21 academic year.

### **Stay Informed**

**UNH** has been following the directives of the governor of the state of New Hampshire, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to guide us in our approach to delivering our curriculum to our students and opening our campuses for the fall semester.

- We refer you to our [COVID-19 website page](#) to reference useful and important public health resources and the school's prior communications on this topic.
- You may also access government resources as follows:
  - [Governor of State of New Hampshire](#)
  - [CDC's website](#)
  - [New Hampshire's DHHS website](#)

### **Commitment to Health and Safety**

**UNH** is developing protocols and policies for students' learning and activities both on and off of its campuses. These protocols and policies will include guidelines for students, faculty and staff to support **UNH's** efforts to maintain a safe and healthy campus environment, and will include:

- Wearing Masks or cloth face coverings – while in class, and in public common areas, community members will be required to wear a cloth face covering
- Physical Distancing – while wearing a mask, maintain six feet between you and others when possible

- Gatherings – according to NH DHHS guidance, avoid social gatherings involving large groups of people
- Hand Washing or Sanitizing – frequently throughout the day
- Immunization – students will be subject to [UNH Health and Wellness immunization protocols](#)
- Pre-Arrival Testing – all students, faculty and staff will be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test result before arriving for the fall semester [COVID-19 website page](#)
- Additional Testing – all students, faculty and staff will be subject to periodic COVID-19 testing [COVID-19 website page](#)
- Temperature screening – as established by NH DHHS, students, faculty and staff may be subject to temperature screening protocols
- Contact Tracing – all students, faculty and staff will be subject to contact tracing protocols [COVID-19 website page](#)
- Symptom Monitoring and Reporting – all students, faculty and staff will be expected to self-monitor their health and report any COVID-19 symptoms or exposure to individuals with COVID-19 or its symptoms to UNH Health & Wellness 603-862-9355
- Isolation and Quarantine – students, faculty and staff who test positive for COVID-19, are symptomatic or were in contact with those who test positive for COVID-19 may be subject to isolation and quarantine protocols
- Waivers – students may be required to execute waivers of liability if they desire to participate in certain extracurricular activities or in order to attend certain events or functions.
- Download and activate any required UNH approved public health applications

It is important that we work together to follow protocols, policies and guidelines that are established by UNH. Our protocols will be updated from time to time based on evolving guidance and directives from the State of New Hampshire and the CDC. We will notify you of these updates and will post them on our [website](#). Failure to adhere to these protocols will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct included in the [Student Rights, Rules and Responsibilities](#) and may result in discipline, to include removal from campuses.

## **If You Feel Sick**

If you experience any COVID-19 symptoms (listed below), we may require you to be tested, remain quarantined until the test results are available, and, in the event of a positive test, remain in isolation until cleared by a health care professional for return to in-person classes and other on-campus activities. Students may be asked to return home if that is possible. UNH is establishing isolation and quarantine facilities on or near the Durham campus that will include access to on-line versions of your educational programs, food, and access to health care as needed.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 symptoms include (but may not be limited to):

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

## **Tuition Obligations**

Regardless of the learning environment for fall 2020, UNH tuition will be the same. The tuition you pay is in exchange for learning, academic credit, and certain non-academic services that will be provided whether in person, in a hybrid environment, or entirely remotely.

Please Read Carefully Before Signing:

By signing below, I understand the **University of New Hampshire's** approach to on-campus learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. I understand that my decision to return to on-campus programming is voluntary. I understand that UNH cannot guarantee my health or immunity from infection. I understand there are risks of exposure to the virus from symptomatic and asymptomatic carriers. I recognize that the risks of exposure to COVID-19 include sharing space with others and engaging in interpersonal communications. I assume the risks associated with being at the University of New Hampshire including the risk of exposure to COVID-19. I affirm my obligation to cooperate in making the campus reasonably safe, and consent to attending all university activities.

**Yes, I agree to the terms to be on campus**

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Signature of Student

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Date

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Print Name

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student under age 18)

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Date

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Print Name

**No, I do not agree and wish to take all classes online**

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Signature of Student

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Date

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Print Name

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student under age 18)

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