

Summary of ObieSafe requirements to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission

This summary is designed to assist students successfully adopt the caring community culture Oberlin will need this year to protect the health of our students, faculty and staff. Each of us has the responsibility and opportunity to contribute to our shared well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please review all policies, directives, and instructions on the ObieSafe website. All members of our community are expected to observe these requirements, whether or not they are included specifically in the summary below.

Please be aware that the College is closely monitoring public health guidance, and these policies, directives, and instructions may change based on updates from public health authorities.

Personal Hygiene

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth at all times unless you are alone in a private bedroom or office with the door closed. This directive applies to students in the common areas of shared apartments, on and off campus.
- In classrooms, studios, and rehearsal settings, masks may be removed only when students must do so for reasons directly related to their educational program (e.g., to play a wind or brass instrument). Please consult with your course instructor on whether your program requires you to remove your mask.
- Wash your hands frequently with water and soap.
- Utilize hand sanitizer as needed.
- Cough into a tissue or your sleeve.
- Wear gloves if you are directed to do so by your course instructor, campus employer, or other activity supervisor.
- Use cleaning materials when provided to disinfect frequently touched surfaces whenever they are available.

Symptom Monitoring

- You must utilize the Full Measure symptom tracking tool to report any symptoms related to COVID-19 infection on a daily basis, before leaving your private dorm bedroom or coming to campus from an off-campus location.
- If you have any of the symptoms that you are asked to identify, you should remain in isolation in your campus or off-campus housing and contact Student Health. Employees should contact their supervisors.

Testing

- Students will be tested for COVID-19 as soon as they arrive on campus. They will then be directed their campus housing, where they will self-isolate until the test results are returned (approximately 48 hours). Students living off-campus must register for a

testing time and self-isolate off campus until they receive their results. More information on testing sign-ups for off-campus students will be provided by Residential Education.

- Students will be tested on a monthly basis. You must respond to any notification directing you to get tested in the required time frame.

Isolation and Quarantine

- Understand the difference between isolation and quarantine. Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be isolated in a room with their own bathroom. Students who have been exposed to someone with the virus will be quarantined in their own bedroom but may share hallways and bathrooms and with others. It is essential in quarantine that students are particularly attentive to cleaning surfaces after using communal bathrooms.
- If you believe you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you are expected to contact Student Health and stay self-isolated until otherwise directed. [Medical amnesty](#) will apply if you contact a college office about this kind of circumstance. Please do not hesitate to seek advice if you have interacted with others without a mask, to protect both your own health and the entire community's.
- If you report having one of the symptoms Full Measure asks you to identify, please contact Student Health and stay isolated until directed otherwise.
- If directed by Student Health, public health officials, medical professionals, or campus administrators to observe quarantine, you must remain in your assigned bedroom until otherwise directed. Shared restrooms may be used during these periods; please observe physical distancing and wear a mask whenever possible. Food service will be provided by the [Buddy Tray](#) system.
- If directed by Student Health, public health officials, medical professional, or campus administrators to move to isolation housing, you must do so promptly. This housing will provide you with a sleeping area with a private bathroom. Food service will be provided by the [Buddy Tray](#) system.
- If [Lorain County Public Health](#) contacts you as part of a contact tracing effort, you are expected to participate promptly and fully.

Student Social Engagement

- Student organizations are expected to observe all campus requirements to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, including requesting review of safety plans before all planned campus events.
- Students are expected to observe physical distancing, stated limits on gathering sizes, and use of PPE in student activities and in informal social interactions.
- Students are expected to observe state and federal laws that apply to the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Students who may legally consume alcohol are encouraged to consider restricting alcohol consumption to occasions in which you are alone in private bedrooms. Zoom and other technologies can be used to create virtual social gatherings.

- Students are expected to observe the use of PPE in all social interactions. In instances of physical intimacy, students are strongly encouraged to consider and discuss the potential risks of COVID-19 transmission from the encounter. If a student engages in physical intimacy and suspects they have been exposed to COVID-19, they are encouraged to self-quarantine and contact Student Health.
- Parties on and off campus are prohibited for the 2020 – 2021 academic year.
- Students are expected to be respectful of city residents by using PPE in social interactions and, additionally, by observing physical distancing and other COVID-19-related requirements while patronizing local businesses.

Shared Spaces

- Students are expected to observe room capacities, physical distancing, wayfinding signage, elevator capacity limits, designated entries and exits, and any other directive that indicates how to share space in the safest way possible.
- Students must observe all posted hours for buildings and posted information about spaces that are closed for 2020 – 2021. Entering a space without permission during periods of closure may result in disciplinary action.
- Vandalizing, removing, replacing, or swapping signs in public areas may result in your immediate dismissal from campus.

Travel and Travelers

- Students should avoid large public gatherings and other situations that may expose you to COVID-19 for 14 days before your return to campus.
- Students are expected to limit travel to essential reasons (such as family emergencies) once they arrive on Oberlin's campus. Students who need to travel outside Lorain County must consult the Dean of Student's office to complete a plan for a safe return. Travel may require students to be tested and quarantined until Student Health confirms a safe return to campus activities.
- Guests must complete a review of symptoms before entering campus and must wear a mask and observe physical distancing requirements at all times. Visit oberlin.edu/obiesafe for details.