

Sarah Lawrence College COVID-19 Community Pledge

A fundamental component of a Sarah Lawrence education is the exploration of connections. We are a community that thrives at the intersection of disciplines and thought – connecting physics to dance, literature to politics, and writing to mathematics is part of who we are and the intellectual growth we seek during our time together.

Our interconnectedness extends to our shared priorities and responsibility to foster and steward a safe and welcoming environment while recognizing the distinct challenges the COVID-19 pandemic presents. As you are all too aware, the fall semester on and around campus will be unlike any other in school history. While the world has changed dramatically, what remains is that we are critical, empathetic, and compassionate thinkers who support and care for one another.

To provide greater assurance and clarity regarding what you can expect as a member of the Sarah Lawrence community this fall, below is our compact that all members of Sarah Lawrence College will uphold. This pledge complements the policies included in the Student Handbook and the Employee Return to Campus Guide, and pertains to all students, faculty, and staff, whether living on campus or commuting. By being on campus, all community members agree to these tenets and any other guiding principles that may be added throughout the semester.

I agree to:

1. Support one another and prioritize the health and safety of members of the Sarah Lawrence community, recognizing that any individual's actions may affect the community as a whole.
2. Recognize that maintaining social distance with others is one of the most effective ways to limit virus spread and to strictly observe and foster six feet of separation from others both on and off campus. Wear a face covering in all public spaces, both on and off campus, indoors and outdoors, regardless of whether social distancing is possible.
3. Practice daily care, like washing hands regularly, especially after touching often-touched items, and cleaning common areas after use.
4. Complete the College's daily COVID-19 symptom check prior to arriving on campus or leaving an on-campus residence, and to stay home if feeling unwell.
5. Comply with capacity limits of campus rooms and spaces, which may change depending on the state of the virus, and policies pertaining to visitors and hosting on campus broadly as well as in individual offices and residence hall rooms – understanding that gatherings can cause the virus to quickly pass to others. Only Sarah Lawrence students, faculty and staff will be permitted on campus this fall. No guests will be allowed on campus.

6. Limit travel, as the likelihood for exposure to the virus increases with community mobility. Students are asked to minimize travel off campus as much as possible and to avoid travel to any state listed on the [New York State restricted list \(https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory\)](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory)
7. Not gather nor smoke on Glen Washington Road between Kimball Avenue and Mead Way, as it is a main pedestrian crossing and thoroughfare for campus.
8. Receive testing for COVID-19 as directed by College officials or others.
9. Relocate to isolation and quarantine spaces in accordance with New York State and Westchester County Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines. Commuter students, as well as faculty and staff, agree to make their own quarantine/isolation arrangements and complete any necessary protocols.
10. Respond to contact tracing requests made by the Westchester County Department of Health and/or the College.
11. Adhere to directives related to disease mitigation given by College officials as circumstances change, which may include restricted use of campus or departing campus in response to changing circumstances or public health order.

The Sarah Lawrence College Student Handbook includes a section regarding COVID 19 related policies. It is critical all members of the community understand that activities that place individuals at greater risk for exposure to the virus, such as unsanctioned gatherings, both on and off campus, may result in disciplinary action up to and including removal from on-campus housing, restrictions from campus, or suspension from the College. Our strength is our community and to succeed this fall we must continue to approach one another with consideration and encourage compliance with these expectations as the best means to support our collective health and safety.