

Spring 2021 Student Acknowledgement

Rooted in our [Cardinal Principles](#) as a Community of Care, we each must commit to following all the university guidelines and protocols for ensuring a healthy and safe campus this spring.

In the summer of 2020, students communicated their desire to make academic progress through engaged learning and to be on campus with in-class instruction. Students have the option to return to campus voluntarily and willingly to pursue their education or to utilize online instruction. The [UofL COVID-19 website](#) provides more detail about the protocols and procedures the university is taking for a safe spring semester.

This Student Acknowledgement is your recognition of the university community's expectations for you to demonstrate the Cardinal Principles and to keep both yourself and your peers healthy and safe for a successful semester together.

I am aware that the coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a global pandemic.

I acknowledge that each of us has an important role to play in keeping our fellow students, as well as faculty and staff, safe and healthy by doing our part to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

I understand, as a member of the university community, I must be proactive in protecting others and myself.

I must take responsibility for my own health, for these reasons.

I understand that by engaging in activities on campus— including living on campus, attending classes, eating in campus dining facilities, and participating in all the other activities associated with my education and the college experience —I may be exposed to COVID-19.

I understand that I may contract the virus, notwithstanding the precautions and other efforts of the university. Nevertheless, I am returning to campus voluntarily and willingly to pursue my education.

I agree to be an active participant in maintaining my own health and safety by following the guidelines provided by the university, in order to reduce my risk and the risk to others.

I understand those guidelines may change from time to time as circumstances change and our understanding of the disease evolves.

I acknowledge that I must stay educated about and abide by the guidelines provided by the university.

More specifically, I understand that I am expected to adhere to public health guidelines by:

- Following basic public health hygiene including:
 - Physical distancing and staying six feet away from others.
 - Wearing a mask or face covering in common or public areas
(See the university's [Mask and Face Covering Policy](#) for full details.)
 - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

- Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available.
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Disinfecting surfaces and frequently touched objects

- Monitoring myself *daily* for the following symptoms:
 - A fever of 100.4°F or higher
 - Respiratory symptoms, such as dry cough or shortness of breath
 - Sore throat or headache
 - Body aches or chills
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
 - Loss of taste or smell

(See the [Signs and Symptoms of SARS CoV-2](#) for the most up-to-date symptoms.)

- Undergoing testing for COVID-19 and subsequently self-isolating if I am identified as a contact of anyone who has been determined to be positive for COVID-19.

- Complying with self-isolation or quarantining requirements as determined by Campus Health or my medical provider

- Reporting in a timely manner any known or potential exposures to COVID-19 to [Campus Health](#) and seeking medical advice from Campus Health or my medical provider.

I understand COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus and I may develop and contract the COVID-19 disease, even if I follow all of the safety precautions above and those recommended by the CDC, local health department, and others.

I understand that although the university is following the coronavirus guidelines issued by the CDC and other experts to reduce the spread of infection, the university cannot completely shield me from all risk of illness caused by COVID-19.

As for the institution, we continue to actively monitor disease activity, listen to expert recommendations from our researchers and doctors, learn from and coordinate with the CDC, State and local health experts, and other universities. One of the great advantages of being a Research I university is that we have within our own faculty and staff some of the best minds in the world that are researching and responding to COVID-19 locally and nationally. The university commits to staying on top of this daily evolving situation and will be ready to make changes to the protocols and plans should that become necessary to ensure the health and safety of our campus family.

We encourage you to visit the [UofL COVID-19 website](#) for additional information.