

ADDENDUM TO TRINE UNIVERSITY STUDENT HANDBOOK

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PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS

Trine University has established a COVID-19 Response Team to guide the university operations through the COVID-19 pandemic. The university has implemented COVID-19 guidelines based on the guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the Steuben County Health Department. It is understood that these guidelines may change frequently, based on circumstances outside of the control of the university. The Public Health Standards established below are in place to assist the Trine University community with providing and maintaining a healthy and safe academic, athletic and residential environment.

During the time that a “public health pandemic” has been declared by either the federal or state government, Trine University may implement specific and additional public health guidelines and policies to ensure the health and safety of the students, staff, faculty and visitors. **Strict adherence to these guidelines and policies are expected.** Failure to do so, may result in disciplinary action and/or a conference with the Dean of Students. Violation of a public health standard will result in disciplinary and/or administrative sanctions. Violations that are referred to the university judicial system may result in disciplinary sanctions (judicial points). Violations referred to the Dean of Students/COVID-19 Response Team Leader may result in administrative sanctions, including, but not limited to, temporary removal from campus for administrative quarantine, temporary suspension from the university or permanent expulsion.

Contact Tracing. Students are required to cooperate with and participate faithfully in contact tracing conducted by the COVID-19 Response Team, or any state/local health agency, and adhere to the subsequent requirements.

Executive Orders/Local Public Health Orders. Students are expected to adhere to the federal, state and local orders issued by respective officials. These orders are subject to change on a frequent basis and outside of the control of the university. Orders may include requirements for face coverings, limited group/social gatherings and quarantine/isolation restrictions.

Quarantine/Isolation Status. Students may be placed in quarantine/isolation by the student health center or the COVID-19 Response Team for COVID-19 related reasons. Students are expected to strictly adhere to the quarantine/isolation restrictions set in place.

Reporting Exposure/Close Contact. Students are required to notify the COVID-19 Response Team if they believe or become aware they have been exposed to or have been in close contact with a known positive individual.

Testing. The university reserves the right to require students to be tested for the COVID-19 virus.

*End of Addendum