

#KeepTrineStrong Pledge

Stay Safe. Stay Healthy. Keep Trine Strong.

In this extraordinary time of a pandemic, we are responsible for ourselves and for each other. We will work together to protect the health of ourselves and others. We will take necessary steps to keep each other safe. In addition, we will not put ourselves or others at risk.

As we plan to reopen this spring semester, we all will embrace and adapt to new practices for our living, learning and working environment. We will rise to the occasion together. At the core of these practices is protecting the health and safety of every campus community member. To do so, all members of the Trine community are expected to take an active role in promoting and protecting the safety, health and wellbeing of every campus community member. That means abiding by all health and safety directives from federal, state, local and University officials and encouraging others to do the same. We will all do our part to keep ourselves, our peers, our colleagues, and all Trine University community members safe.

As a member of the Trine community whether living on-campus or off-campus, I am committed to keeping myself and the Trine community healthy and safe from the spread of COVID-19. I pledge to take the following actions:

I Pledge to Keep Myself Safe

- Wear a mask or face covering where required while on campus.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- You are encouraged to get a flu vaccine (provided by the University) when it becomes available.
- If gathering with people outside of my residence, practice social distancing and limit gatherings.
- Cover my coughs and sneezes, wash my hands regularly and clean any surfaces I touch.
- Monitor my health on a daily basis for symptoms of COVID-19, and notify the Trine Health Center immediately if I exhibit any symptoms.

I Pledge to Help Keep Others Around Me Safe

- Wear a mask or face covering where required while on campus.
- Wear a mask or face covering off campus where social distancing measures cannot be maintained.

- Minimize or eliminate unnecessary travels to locations where large gatherings are present.
- Report any possible exposure to or close contact to a positive case of COVID-19 to the COVID Response Team or the Student Health Center.
- Adhere to all directives and University guidance if I need to be quarantined or isolated.
- Don't attend classes or participate in extracurricular activities if exhibiting any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, are awaiting test results, or test positive for the virus.

I Pledge to Help Keep the Campus Community Safe

- Participate in return-to-campus testing as well as any testing required throughout the academic year to preserve the wellness of the community.
- Fully and faithfully participate in contact tracing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Follow any new directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Indiana State Department of Health or the Steuben County Health Department that are imposed by respective officials.
- Adhere to all guidelines and protocols set forth by the university throughout the semester.
- Encourage others to follow these safety guidelines.

The safety of our community is a shared responsibility, and my actions can put myself and others at risk. I understand that failure to comply with these directives may result in a referral to the Dean of Students for violation of the Trine Student Handbook—Public Health Policies and Protocols, which governs individual and group behavior on and off campus. Sanctions for violating the pledge may be found in [2020-2021 Trine University Student Handbook](#) more information can be found in [January 2021 Addendum - Public Health Standards](#). These sanctions, depending on the violation, may result in my suspension or dismissal from Trine University.