

**2021 – 2022 Student Code of Conduct: COVID-19 Addendum**  
**Effective: 8/1/2021**  
**#WPITogether: Commitment to Student Safety**

The health, safety, and well-being of our community must be the highest priority for each of us during the COVID-19 pandemic. All WPI students have a responsibility to support and follow the standards and expectations described in this addendum, which are incorporated into the Student Code of Conduct effective immediately.

*Failure to follow these WPI standards and expectations will likely involve a conversation with a staff member. Continued incidents (as indicated below) in which students do not adhere to the standards and expectations set forth in this addendum may result in conduct sanctions, which may include administrative withdrawal of the student for the current semester, and possibly the next semester and the immediate removal from WPI housing (if applicable).*

*WPI may implement additional standards, expectations, or directives at any time, depending upon the local, state, national or global situation.*

### **General Standards for the WPI Community**

- WPI students are expected to act in good faith and in the spirit of keeping the health, safety, and well-being of our community as our shared goal. This is critical to helping WPI continue on-campus living and classes.
- If students observe their peers not following these standards and expectations, they should speak up. Often, a friendly correction from a fellow student is all that it takes to encourage healthy, safe practices.
  - If that approach is neither possible nor appropriate, students may report their concerns to staff within the Dean of Students Office at [dean-of-students@wpi.edu](mailto:dean-of-students@wpi.edu) or 508-831-5201 or on this [report form](#). *After hours, (Monday – Friday from 5:00 pm – 8:00 am or during weekends), please contact Campus Police at 508-831-5433.*

### **COVID-19 Health Expectations**

Students returning to campus will participate in **WPI's COVID-19 testing protocol, including PCR testing (individual and pooled) and antigen testing in the manner and frequency required by WPI.** Students are expected to complete each assigned COVID-19 test within a designated time window. Failure to comply with testing protocols, which may change over the course of the year, will result in Administrative Interim Action as follows:

- **If one test (pooled, individual PCR, or antigen test) is missed**, the student will be contacted by the Testing Coordinator or designee to discuss why they missed their test, and to explain the importance of our testing protocol and timely follow-up. They will then be directed to the testing site for the next available makeup test.
- **If the student fails to participate in the makeup test**, this will be considered as a violation of this Addendum and the Student Code of Conduct, and will result in conduct charges. The student will be directed to the testing site for the next available makeup test. The staff member

may also contact the student's parents (or Graduate Coordinator) to inform them of the student's second failure to appear for testing, emphasizing the importance of the testing protocol for the health and safety of the entire campus community, and inform the parents that the student must show up for the next makeup test (likely later that day or the next day). The discussion with the student, and parents or Graduate Coordinator if applicable, will include that another missed test will result in the administrative withdrawal of the student.

- **If the student fails to participate in any further required testing**, the student will be administratively withdrawn for the remainder of the semester, and possibly the next semester. ***If administratively withdrawn due to not following through with testing expectations or any other COVID related violations, the student will not receive a refund for tuition, campus room and board charges, or other fees.***
- Testing compliance expectations are progressive, cumulative, need not occur consecutively, and may occur within a relatively short time window.

All students will follow WPI's guidelines and protocols on COVID-19, including but not limited to those on masking/face-coverings, quarantine and isolation, and returning to campus after domestic and international travel. All of WPI's guidelines and protocols on COVID-19 are posted on the [WeAreWPI website](#) and may be updated from time-to-time based on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on WPI, the City of Worcester, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Students who fail to follow WPI's guidelines and protocols on COVID-19 will proceed through the conduct system, which will result in conduct sanctions, ***which may include administrative withdrawal of the student for the current semester, and possibly the next semester and the immediate removal from WPI housing (if applicable).***

**Any student who develops symptoms of COVID-19**, tests positive for COVID-19, or is notified that they are a "close contact" will immediately:

- Fill out the [Symptom Tracker](#).
- Stay in their place of residence until given instructions by the Health Team.
- Wait to be cleared to leave their residence by the Health Team.
- After hours, students with symptoms should contact the Hahnemann Family Health Center at 508-334-8830 and identify yourself as a WPI student. The doctor on call will return your call as soon as possible.

If directed by the Health Team, students will remain in self-quarantine or self-isolation (as applicable) for a time period determined by the Health Team, in consultation with public health authorities, and/or move to an isolation or quarantine space in order to receive medical care. ***Students who violate quarantine or isolation expectations will be administratively withdrawn for the current semester and possibly the next semester. The student will not receive a refund for tuition, campus room and board charges, or other fees.***

***Each WPI student must help ensure the overall safety of the WPI community by strictly adhering to these standards and expectations in order to support continued on-campus living and classes, and to help mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission on the WPI campus. WPI, and your fellow students, are counting on your cooperation and support.***