

Approved By	Approval Date	Effective Date	Related ISU Policies
President Deborah J. Curtis	August 19, 2020	August 19, 2020	Policy 410 Code of Student Conduct

Name of Procedure:

Temporary Student Directives for the Prevention of COVID-19

Rationale

Based on public health recommendations and best practices for colleges and universities, the president is issuing these temporary directives to students to continue ISU’s effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the ISU campus and local community.

Directives

Directive 1: Face Coverings

Consistent with Executive Order 20-37 and previous ISU directives, students are required to wear face coverings in all campus buildings and in outside campus areas where social distancing of more than 6 feet is not possible. Exceptions include: private offices, residence hall rooms, while sitting and eating or drinking in a dining area, exercising in the Student Recreation Center or Sports Performance Center, and some instructional or co-curricular experiences. Residential students are required to follow the requirements set forth by the Office of Residential Life.

Students who have a disability that prevents the student/employee from wearing the university-issued face covering should contact the Office of Disability Services. Other requests for exceptions to the Face Covering Directive should be directed to the Dean of Students.

Students who violate the Face Covering Directive are subject to disciplinary measures in the Code of Student Conduct.

Directive 2: Sycamore Symptom Assessment

All students are required to complete Sycamore Symptom Assessment each day. ISU is collaborating with the Vigo County Health Department to provide contact tracing for ISU students and employees. Students are required to cooperate and provide information to contact tracers, and those who knowingly provide false information to the Sycamore Symptom Assessment or to contact tracers are subject to disciplinary measures in the Code of Student Conduct.

Personal health information provided through the Sycamore Symptom Assessment or to contact tracers will be kept confidential.

Directive 3: Hosting or Attending Large Social Gatherings

Public health officials have made clear that parties and large gatherings are the source of many COVID-19 cases across Indiana, and 19- to 29-year olds are the biggest driver of new cases. ISU has adopted specific requirements for on-campus events to limit the number of participants, require the use of face coverings, and to provide for social distancing of more than 6 feet.

Students may not attend large social gatherings of over 25 people, and student organizations may not engage in hosting large social gatherings of more than 25 people unless the event is a university event meets university event requirements and Division of Student Affairs requirements. Student organizations may be held accountable for the actions of members as set forth in the Code of Student Conduct.

Consistent with Executive Order 20-36 issued by Governor Holcomb on July 16, 2020, defined a “social gathering” as an event, assembly, or convening that brings together multiple people, individually or from separate households, in a single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time and in a coordinated fashion where a significant purpose is to interact with others – such as a wedding, family reunion, party, barbecue, picnic, club, banquet or conference. A social gathering does not include a religious service.

Students and student organizations who violate the Hosting or Attendance at Large Gatherings Directive are subject to disciplinary measures in the Code of Student Conduct or employee disciplinary policies.

Expiration

The Temporary Directives for the Prevention of COVID-19 expire on December 31, 2020 unless extended by the president.

Policy Administrator(s)

Dr. Andy Morgan, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Review / Approval	Date	Notes
President Deborah J. Curtis	August 19, 2020	Expires December 31, 2020 unless renewed

