



Community Commitment Agreement Fall 2020

Rights, Rules, Responsibilities

As we look forward to our return to campus starting with Quarter 2 of the 2020–2021 academic year, we ask every member of our school community (students, parents, faculty, staff, and campus residents) to adhere to and abide by our Community Commitment Agreement (“Agreement”) both on and off campus. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we all share in the responsibility for keeping our community as safe as possible. Walnut Hill remains a place with significant personal freedom and responsibility, however, the conditions of the COVID-19 global pandemic require a shift in our policies and procedures. Our policies—and our actions—must be governed by a public health perspective, focused on the well-being and safety of the community as a whole (students, faculty, staff, and campus residents) rather than on individual preference. To meet our goal of providing an in-person educational experience for as many students as possible, and as safely as possible, we will all be required to adjust how we conduct ourselves on and off campus. To reduce the risk to our community and their families, everyone – students, faculty, staff, and campus residents -- must commit to following federal, state, and local public health guidelines, as well as Walnut Hill’s policies and expectations for conduct both on and off campus, as outlined in the following Community Commitment Agreement.

Please read the following document carefully. By signing at the bottom of Page 4, you are certifying that you read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of this Agreement. Please note that the School’s plans for the upcoming academic year are subject to change at any time. The School reserves the right to update its plans and the terms of this Agreement to reflect such changes, which may be informed by public health guidance and governmental regulation.

Before Arriving On-Campus I Will:

- Complete all online training as required by the School.
- Bring the required supplies including warm winter clothing, headphones, bug spray, hand sanitizer, face coverings/masks, and follow packing guidelines for what to bring for my room.
- Practice home-quarantine for 14-days prior to arrival on campus and monitor my health for COVID-related symptoms during this time.
- Get the necessary Covid-19 testing or quarantine upon arrival in Massachusetts as set forth by Governor Baker.
- Complete all immunizations, including the flu vaccine (required this year), prior to coming to campus (the only exception is if you are from a country that does not offer certain vaccines). The School will help make arrangements for you to get the appropriate and required vaccinations upon arrival in the US.
- Complete the health screening daily for one week prior to my arrival on campus.
- Move into my room on the date and time interval for which I registered, following all guidelines for arrival.
- Delay my plans to arrive on campus if I am feeling ill or have signs of any illness. I will wait until I am fully recovered and have clearance from health services before traveling to campus.

On-Campus I Will:

- Participate in Walnut Hill's Monitoring and Testing Program which includes:
 - Being tested for the virus that causes COVID-19 upon my arrival on campus and being quarantined until a negative result is returned.
 - Participating in weekly testing.
 - Cooperating with contact tracing inquiries by, among other things, responding to texts and calls from contact tracers and answering all questions about my contacts honestly and completely.
 - Complying with any request to isolate or quarantine made by the School and be available daily for a clinician to check on my health status via secure email, phone, or both.
- Complete the daily health screening in the morning and clearly follow directives from it.
- Participate in classes, events, or meetings remotely if I'm not feeling well.
- Contact health services as soon as I have any symptoms of COVID-19 or do not feel well, isolating immediately.

- Wear approved face covering (masks) in all school facilities, including workplaces, classrooms, dining hall and dormitories except when alone in my assigned room and on school grounds when I am unable to maintain physical distancing.
- Physically distance, maintaining at least six feet/two meters separation between myself and others in all school facilities.
- Observe all guidelines for dining (grab-and-go, outdoor dining, or eating at assigned appropriately distanced seating).
- Agree not to host any off-campus guests, including family members, at any time.
- Boarding Students agree not to host more than one resident of the same building in their room at any time.
- All Students agree not to enter any residential dormitory except their own.
- As a member or leader of a student organization, I will abide by all rules around in person gatherings including limiting attendance and social distancing.
- Adhere to other health and safety practices recommended or required by the School, such as frequent hand-washing.
- Fully participate in Walnut Team Clean to clean and sanitize all spaces on campus upon my entry and exit.
- Boarding students agree not to leave campus for any reason without permission from the Health Center Staff or the Dean of Students.
- All community members agree to follow all guidelines set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts around group gatherings (25 max. inside, 50 max. outside), social distancing, face coverings, travel outside of the “safe states” whether boarding/day students or faculty/staff.
- All community members agree to minimize travel off campus or outside the State of Massachusetts.
- Community members agree to immediately report any violations of the health and safety policies they are aware of.

Accountability and Responsibility Agreement

I agree and understand that to do my part to keep the Walnut Hill community (students, parents, faculty, staff, dorm parents, campus residents, and families) as safe as possible, I must abide by the rules reflected in this Community Commitment Agreement, as well as the Student Handbook, and any and all policies related to COVID-19 health and safety. I understand that all regulations, policies, and procedures may be modified by the School at any time. I understand that violations of this Agreement or relevant policies, including those related to face coverings, physical distancing, testing, quarantining, isolating, hosting unpermitted visitors and attending unapproved gatherings on or off campus may result in being sent home to complete at least the current quarter, and/or future quarters, remotely in addition to other possible disciplinary actions. All violations of this Agreement and other policies and protocols related to health and safety will be adjudicated through the Student Life Office in consultation with the Head and Assistant Head of School.

By signing this Community Commitment Agreement, I agree to abide by these rules and regulations. I acknowledge that Walnut Hill School for the Arts cannot eliminate the risk of illness during a global pandemic. I voluntarily accept the risks associated with in-person, on-campus study for the 2020–2021 academic year.

Student:

Parent/Guardian:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):
