

We all need to work together and hold each other accountable to minimize the risk of having COVID-19 threaten the lives of others or interrupt our living and learning together on campus this year.

Accordingly, we are asking all students to commit to following these practices while enrolled on campus at JBU during the pandemic:

Self-screening for illness

Students will monitor their temperature every morning before leaving their rooms or, for commuters, arriving on campus, and will report to their RDs or the JBU nurse and isolate in their rooms or at home if they have any symptoms of COVID-19. This includes a temperature over 100; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; chills; muscle pain; sore throat; or loss of taste or smell. Students will also report to their RDs or JBU's nurse and quarantine if they learn that they have been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. Specific isolation and quarantine locations for the student will be worked out in consultation with the student development staff. The student will be encouraged to return home. In unique situations, alternative on campus or local housing may be secured and approved by the staff.

Testing, contact tracing and quarantining

Students agree to be tested for COVID-19 if the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) or JBU determines that it is reasonable to do so. Students will cooperate and share test results with the ADH and JBU to assist with contact tracing and to determine who else might have been exposed. Students will follow ADH and JBU's guidance for isolation (if they test positive for COVID-19) or quarantining (if they have been exposed to COVID-19). Student health information will be kept confidential by the ADH and JBU except as needed to do contact tracing.

Personal Hygiene

Students will wash hands frequently throughout the day and will use proper respiratory etiquette (coughing or sneezing into a tissue or upper arm).

Physical distancing

JBU has adapted CDC guidance for K-12 schools and established three-foot distancing in all classrooms and dining facilities. We will trust students to manage their physical distancing outside and in groups of 12 and fewer inside buildings.

Wearing a close-fitting cloth mask

In keeping with CDC guidance, JBU recommends, in general, that students wear masks in "public indoor spaces" and trust students to implement that policy appropriately. However, JBU will specifically require masks in classrooms, chapel, and when groups of more than 12 people are meeting indoors.

Sanitizing common areas

Students will help to sanitize common areas after use (e.g. exercise equipment in WLHC, computer in a computer lab, spot at the table in the Caf or classroom desk). JBU will provide sanitizing wipes or spray bottles and paper towels.

On and off-campus

Students will engage in these behaviors both on and off-campus as much as possible.

Graceful cooperation and accountability

Students will cooperate as gracefully as possible with JBU faculty, staff and students when the inevitable conflicts emerge over these expectations. We will hold each other accountable for these expectations with grace, love and kindness.

Covenant Affirmation

As a student and member of the John Brown University community, I have read the covenant above and agree with fellow university community members to live by its direction.

Release and Waiver of Liability

John Brown University has implemented preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during the 2021-22 academic year. However, despite these measures the University cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19 while on campus or participating in University activities. By voluntarily choosing to attend campus in person, I acknowledge that I fully understand the risks related to the uncontrollable nature of the encounters with other persons that may occur in educational, cocurricular, and living activities on the JBU campus, including but not limited to exposure to a variety of pathogens, infectious agents, viruses, and bacteria. In order to protect against the spread of COVID-19, I willingly agree to comply with the forgoing preventative measures and conditions for my attendance and participation in activities. Further, I understand that such exposure may result in other various health-related reactions, including but not limited to serious illness and even death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, my roommate(s), and others, including but not limited to University employees, staff, and other agents and their families. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless John Brown University, John Brown University Board of Trustees, and/or JBU administration, employees, instructors, on-campus vendors, and other agents for any and all claims arising from exposure to the aforementioned risks as a result of my participation in John Brown University educational, cocurricular, living and/or any other activities incidental thereto, wherever, whenever, or however the same may occur.

Accordingly, I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless John Brown University, John Brown University Board of Trustees, and/or JBU administration, employees, instructors, on-campus vendors, and other agents for any and all claims arising from any exposure to the aforementioned risks as a result of my participation in John Brown University educational, cocurricular, living and/or any other activities incidental thereto, wherever, whenever, or however the same may occur. I understand that this waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of Arkansas and agree that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder of the waiver will continue in full legal force and effect.

Print Name _____

ID# _____

Signature _____

Date _____