

The Albright Community Care Compact

One of Albright's core values is connection, for which we specifically state the value of an equitable and inclusive Albright community, comprised of a remarkable diversity of people, backgrounds and thoughts. Within this concept, we endeavor to foster strong, personal relationships and engagement with each other, college programs, the community and the world around us. At Albright College, we value our face-to-face community. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly challenged our ability to live in, experience and enjoy our face-to-face community.

As Albright students, faculty, staff and visitors return to the Albright College campus this fall, it is vital that we each intentionally live two of our core values: resilience and integrity. Through resilience, we value attentiveness to personal well-being, which helps us develop as adaptable individuals able to respond to evolving challenges, such as this pandemic. Through integrity, each of us, in strengthening our own moral principles, has a duty to be honest, respectful, just and fair in our thoughts and, quite relevant to life during the pandemic, in our actions towards others.

This pandemic calls on us to intentionally live these core values — taking care of our own well-being and respecting the well-being of all members of our campus community, including and especially those who might be more at-risk of COVID-19 infection.

As we live our core values of resilience and integrity, we recognize and honor the collective importance of care for ourselves and others in our community. In the name of the health and safety of all Albrightians, we ask each community member to accept responsibility to minimize the spread of COVID-19 infection in our residential community.

The [Albright College Pandemic Planning Task Force](#), with input from experts in Albright's community and many experts beyond campus (including the Centers for Disease Control, the PA Dept. of Education and the PA Dept. of Health) have developed the following necessary commitments for each of us to follow as we live within, work in and visit Albright's campus during these unprecedented times.

As a member of the Lion-strong Albright community who is living, working, or learning on the Albright campus, I will commit to the following:

- I will maintain a social distancing practice of at least 6 feet both on and off campus and I will replace shaking hands, hugs and physical touching with verbal appreciation. There are two exceptions to this guidance:
 - Students in their own room in a residence hall with roommates, suite-mates or “family units” may interact and are asked to do so carefully.
 - Students and faculty within a classroom during class time are requested to follow both college guidelines for the classroom and any additional guidelines put in place by the instructor.
- I will utilize hand sanitization stations often and will frequently wash my hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- I will sanitize surfaces that I use frequently, including tables, doorknobs, desks, light switches and computer keyboards.

- I will wear a mask, as [recommended by the CDC](#), that covers my nose and mouth on campus, both inside and outside buildings when within six feet of another person, so as to protect myself and to protect others.
- I will avoid in-person meetings and use Microsoft Teams or Zoom to meet with others. If an in-person meeting is essential to job function or coursework, I will follow protocol as outlined in the [Health and Safety Plan](#), and during the meeting I will follow the guidelines outlined in this Community Care Compact.
- I will carefully consider the potential risk of traveling, and avoid unnecessary travel to anywhere, but most especially to areas with high COVID-19 infection or transmission rates. If I am considering traveling, I will contact the Gable Health Center for information on areas of high infection or transmission rates.
- I will [monitor my health each day](#) by taking my temperature, monitoring my symptoms through the [Healthy Together](#) app, or on my own, paying particular attention to the development of COVID-19 symptoms that can include: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and/or diarrhea. If my temperature is above 100.4°F, which is considered to be a fever, or if I observe any of these other symptoms, I commit to:
 - As a residential student, I will self-isolate in my room and contact the Gable Health Center (610-921-7532) during business hours, or contact Public Safety (610-921-7670) during non-business hours.
 - As a School of Professional Studies student, I will self-isolate at home and contact my health care provider.
 - As an employee, I will self-isolate at home, contact my manager/supervisor and contact my health care provider.
 - As a member of the Albright community, if I am tested for COVID-19, whether positive or not, I will report this to the Gable Health Center (610-921-7532).

My Commitment: I am aware of the contagious nature of COVID-19 and as a member of the Albright community I commit to the above, so as to limit the risk of infection, both to myself and to others. I also understand that, for the protection of myself and the entire Albright community, I may be asked to provide information for the purpose of contact tracing and I will endeavor to provide such information truthfully and as I am able. (As with all health information, the college and Gable Health Center follow all HIPAA and FERPA rules and laws and, thus, such information is confidential, within federal and state laws and guidelines. Contact information may be required to be shared with health officials.)

Signed:

Printed Name:

Date:
