



The 2021-2022 Albright Community Care Compact (effective August 1, 2021)

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 for the fall semester, 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. We expect 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.

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 in order to protect myself and my fellow community members:

- I will strongly consider getting the COVID vaccine unless I have a religious, health, moral or ethical reason for not doing so. (Exemptions based on [PA Dept. of Health guidelines](#))
- I will report my vaccination status to the Gable Health Center by uploading a photo of my vaccine card to the [health portal](#). ([Click here for a video tutorial](#), courtesy of Albright's athletic trainers!)
- If I am fully vaccinated (meaning two or more weeks have passed after the receipt of the second dose in a two-dose vaccine series, or two or more weeks have passed after receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine - based upon [CDC guidelines](#)):
 - I am not required to wear a mask when in public indoor places (based on CDC guidelines). However, I understand that I may be asked by an instructor or Albright employee to wear a mask in a public indoor space such as a classroom or meeting

space and I will comply with that request to protect my fellow Albrightians. I will also make sure to have a mask with me at all times in the event that masking is necessary.

- I recognize that masking and three-foot social distancing may be required in certain places on campus and in certain circumstances even if I am fully vaccinated, including settings involving academics, social/activities, and dining.
- If I am unvaccinated or have not been fully vaccinated (as defined above):
 - I will participate in reentry testing and surveillance testing for COVID-19 when notified to do so, likely multiple times during the semester.
 - I will wear a mask [as recommended by the CDC](#) that covers my nose and mouth when in indoor public spaces and outdoors when in contact with others.
 - I will continue to practice three feet of social distancing on campus in all circumstances including academic, social/activities, and dining.
 - I will replace shaking hands, hugs and physical touching with verbal appreciation.
- When I am feeling unwell, I will commit to staying home or in my residence hall, will wear a mask whenever I need to leave my residence hall room, and I will contact the Gable Health Center (610-921-7532).
- If I am feeling unwell, I will utilize the [Healthy Together App](#) or call the Gable Health Center (610-921-7532) if experiencing any of the following [COVID-19 symptoms](#): fever or chills, 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.
- I will utilize hand sanitation stations often and will frequently wash my hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- I will clean surfaces that I use frequently, including tables, doorknobs, desks, light switches and computer keyboards.
- If I am a patient, staff or visitor of the Gable Health and Counseling Center or the athletic training room, I will always wear a mask when in those offices. (This requirement is based on information by the [PA Department of Health](#).)
- I will carefully consider the potential risk of traveling to areas of high infection or transmission rates. If I choose to travel off campus I will check the latest [CDC travel](#) guidelines pertinent to my destination and will abide by any testing or quarantine requirements prior to travel and upon return. I understand these guidelines change frequently and I will need to be aware of possible changes.
- I will, for the protection of myself and the Albright community, provide information for the purpose of contact tracing if asked, 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 follows

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.)

My Commitment: I am aware of the contagious nature of COVID-19 and of the potential negative impacts to persons within our community; thus, as a member of the Albright community, I commit to the above, in order to limit the risk of infection, both to myself and to others. This **2021-2022 Community Care Compact is effective August 1, 2021**, replacing the 2020-2021 Community Care Compact. I understand that guidance from federal and/or state authorities may change, which may lead to new and updated guidelines for the Albright College community.

Signed:

Printed Name:

Date:
