

PROTECT ONU POLAR PLEDGE

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY



A STUDENT PLEDGE TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Ohio Northern University's COVID-19 safety plan, entitled ***Resuming In-person Education for Fall Semester 2020***, sets forth the measures and safeguards required for ONU faculty, staff and students to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of every member of the ONU community. As a caring community, we understand that our health and safety depend on how well we take care of each other. I pledge to act responsibly to protect my health and the health of others.

We recognize that no university, nor any other organization, can guarantee an environment free of COVID-19, and we expect everyone associated with the University to understand that there is a risk of contracting the virus here or anywhere. By engaging in on- or off-campus activities, students can never be completely shielded from all risk of exposure or illness caused by COVID-19 or other infections.

Students can protect themselves, protect others and protect the ONU community by acting responsibly.

I PROMISE TO:

Protect myself by caring for my personal health:

- Complete all university required safety training.
- Monitor my temperature daily and report to a medical professional if I experience a fever of 100.4 (38 C) or higher.
- Monitor for other symptoms, such as dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell.
- Wash my hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

Protect others by caring for all ONU community members:

- Follow physical distancing guidelines (6 feet of distance and limitations on numbers of individuals gathering in a common location), especially in classroom settings and in the presence of age or medically-related vulnerable members of the community.
- Contact the Student Health Center if I feel ill or after exposure to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Wear an appropriate face covering in accordance with the University's safety plan.
- Keep my clothing, belongings, personal spaces and shared common spaces clean.
- Participate in required testing and contact tracing to preserve the health and well-being of the community.
- Follow all directions given by University officials and displayed on University signage.
- Help those who are most vulnerable to stay safe.

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Protect our community by caring for the health of our surrounding community:

- Promptly report any known or potential exposures to COVID-19 to the Student Health Center or to the ONU Healthwise Pharmacy.
- Follow instructions of medical professionals, which may include being tested and/or self-quarantining.
- Encourage safe physical distancing when participating in the community outside of the campus.

As more information is known, ONU may revise required health and safety practices and modify the University's safety plan. I understand it is my responsibility to stay informed of these changes.

We know that ONU students understand that COVID-19 is highly contagious, and that they will cooperate and comply with these measure and safeguards to reduce risk for all who live, work and learn here. If, however, it becomes necessary to hold a community member accountable for noncompliance, we must do so in a fair and reasonable way.

I have read, understand and agree to comply with ONU's safety plan and with the **Protect ONU Polar Pledge** as condition of my ability to participate in the academic year 2020-21 and utilize University facilities. Failure to comply may lead to immediate removal from campus and/or the inability to use certain facilities. Violations will be referred, reviewed and adjudicated using the procedure outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.

I understand it is my responsibility to be aware of what is required to protect myself and the University community and have read, understand and agree to comply with the "Protect ONU Polar Pledge."