

The Covenant Commitment

2021-22

The commitments below clarify the steps we must take to care for one another and extend the residential experience. Scripture calls us to sacrificial love; to count others as more significant than ourselves. These commitments are designed to protect our community, whether or not they align with personal preferences or convictions. In order to protect others and ensure safety and wellbeing on campus, we ask every member of the Covenant community to make the commitment.

I commit to care for the Covenant community on and off campus in the following ways:

1. Either get vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit valid proof to Health Services or successfully fulfill the other expectations for entry to campus prior to returning to start each semester (negative PCR test in previous three days, negative antigen test in prior 24 hours, positive test in previous 10-90 days).
2. If I experience any symptoms of COVID-19, whether I am vaccinated or not, I will contact Health Services (or the RD on duty after hours) right away, quarantine in the meantime, and follow additional instructions.
3. Comply with the changing COVID-19 safety protocols as communicated by the College including, but not limited to, wearing masks when and where directed.
4. If I am unvaccinated and exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, I will contact Health Services right away, quarantine in the meantime, and follow additional instructions.
5. Participate in testing and contact tracing as directed to preserve the wellness of the Covenant community and the continued operations of our College.
6. Talk with my family and make a plan for off campus isolation or quarantine in the event I test positive or am named as a close contact (vaccinated close contacts who are asymptomatic do not need to quarantine.)
7. Fully comply with isolation and quarantine protocols as directed for the entire duration of the assigned time.
8. Cooperate as graciously as possible when asked to comply with these commitments by any member of the Covenant College community and be willing to graciously hold others accountable to these commitments.

I understand that even though the college will take precautions to reduce the risks of COVID-19 on campus, I can never be completely shielded from all risk of illness caused by the virus. Everyone in our campus community, including me, shares the responsibility for the health of the community. I acknowledge that my individual effort is critical to a successful 2021-2022 academic year and commit to upholding my promise to fellow Scots as outlined above when choosing to return and participate in campus life.