

# RED DRAGON SAFE

**HELP US HELP YOU. BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL.**

## Student guidelines for off-campus living during a pandemic – Fall 2021

By consistently following university, city and CDC guidelines aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19, you can stay healthy, avoid possible disciplinary action and help keep friends, family, neighbors and acquaintances safe from a potentially fatal virus.

All SUNY Cortland students are personally responsible for consistently complying with the following safety requirements, whether they are on or off campus.



### OTHER IMPORTANT SAFETY GUIDELINES

- For your safety, you are encouraged to follow all campus rules related to COVID-19 when you are off campus.
- Limit ALL social gatherings for everyone's well-being.
- Pay attention to instructional signs related to safe behavior and follow directions.
- Keep clothing, belongings, personal spaces and shared common spaces sanitized.
- If not yet vaccinated, complete the daily online screening survey for COVID-19 symptoms and risk factors through myRedDragon and comply with testing requirements.
- Adhere to any requests for isolation, quarantine and contact tracing regardless of vaccination status.
- Contact Student Health Service or another medical professional if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness.
- Stay home if you feel ill or have had close contact with someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19.
- If you are placed in quarantine or isolation, strictly follow all requirements. Violating those protocols could not only spread infection, but lead to suspension.

We all have a responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe and will be held accountable for our actions. Everyone's risk is different and we all have a responsibility to protect ourselves and those around us. You are not just living in a house. You are living in a community. Please do the right thing. For complete information on Fall 2021 guidance, visit <https://www2.cortland.edu/about/restart> or scan the QR code at right.



## STUDENTS SHOULD NOT HOST OR ATTEND OFF-CAMPUS PARTIES DURING THE FALL 2021 SEMESTER.

- Social gatherings remain THE biggest source of COVID-19 infections. Don't be responsible for a potential superspreader event.
- All gatherings at private residences — whether indoors or outdoors — need to follow the local, regional and state attendance limits in place.
- The City of Cortland has a Social Host Ordinance. If you host a party where there is underage drinking, you can be held liable, regardless of who actually provided the alcohol. Fines can range from \$250 to \$500 with the possibility of up to 15 days in jail.
- Violating ordinances or laws, regardless of whether the incident occurred on or off campus, is also a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. You will face disciplinary action by the university in addition to legal action.

## REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU ARE, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- If you have not yet done so, get vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccines are required for everyone living in the residence halls and using the Student Life Center and will be required for all students as soon as one is approved by the FDA.
- Be safe. Wear face coverings when in public, even if people around you are not. Lead by example.
- Don't share food, drinks or tobacco/nicotine products like JUULs.
- Avoid traveling outside of Central New York for the Fall 2021 semester. Do not host visitors from outside Cortland County.
- Take advantage of campus well-being resources, such as the Health Promotion Office and Counseling Center.
- If you have not done so, get a flu shot. Although it won't prevent COVID, it can keep you from getting sick with the flu or reduce its severity.
- Follow all safety guidelines, even if you have tested positive for the virus in the past or have been vaccinated. Immunity can vary from person to person so it is important for everyone to be safe for yourself and others.
- Be respectful of those who live around you, not just when it comes to the pandemic, but also regarding noise, crowds, littering and civility.
- Be careful if you use alcohol or other substances, as they can lead to poor decisions regarding your responsibility to contain the spread of COVID-19.

**NOTE:** If you see someone under the influence of drugs/alcohol who needs medical attention, call for help even if you are under the influence yourself. SUNY Cortland has a Good Samaritan policy: You and/or the person for whom you are seeking help won't get in trouble for doing the right thing.

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