

RED DRAGON SAFE

BE SAFE. SAVE LIVES. STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.

Student guidelines for off-campus living

By following university and city guidelines aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19, you can stay healthy while helping to keep friends, neighbors and acquaintances safe from a potentially fatal virus. Your adherence also will help you avoid serious disciplinary action.

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

- Abide by all occupancy limits of federal, state and local ordinances.
- Be aware of, and comply with, all campus policies and relevant city ordinances.
- Pay attention to instructional signs on campus and follow directions.
- Keep clothing, belongings, personal spaces and shared common spaces sanitized.
- Complete the daily screening survey for COVID-19 symptoms and risk factors through myRedDragon and comply with all resulting requests, including testing, isolation, quarantine and contact tracing.
- 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.

We all have a responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe. And we will all be held accountable for our actions. Students who do not follow these guidelines may be referred to the Student Conduct Office or be restricted from attending in-person classes or using campus facilities and services. They could also be ticketed — or possibly even charged with a crime — for violating city ordinances aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19.

STUDENTS PLANNING TO HOST OR ATTEND OFF-CAMPUS PARTIES SHOULD BE AWARE OF THESE RELEVANT CITY ORDERS AND ORDINANCES:

- The city of Cortland has moved to limit all social gatherings within the city to no more than 25 people. That is half the 50 people currently allowed under New York state guidelines. City police will focus on breaking up gatherings that exceed this limit. Warnings may be issued, but blatant violations and continued non-compliance could lead to a Class B misdemeanor criminal charge.
- The city of Cortland has a Social Host Ordinance, so if you're hosting 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, and the possibility of up to 15 days in jail.
- Violating ordinances or laws, regardless of whether the incident occurred on campus or off campus, is also a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. That means you will face disciplinary action by the university in addition to legal action.

IF YOU DO HOST OR ATTEND A PARTY, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Keep the gathering small, not only to reduce crowd density but for contact tracing purposes.
- Stay outdoors and avoid enclosed spaces.
- When indoors, socialize only with people in your immediate household or “social bubble” (the same, non-changing group of people).
- Wear face coverings if you are not able to physically distance.
- Don't share food, drinks or tobacco/nicotine products like JUULs.
- Be respectful of those who live around you regarding noise, crowds and littering.
- Be mindful of how much you are drinking and never leave your drink unattended.

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 won't get in trouble for doing the right thing.

WE ALSO OFFER THE FOLLOWING GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Get a flu vaccine.
- Take advantage of campus well-being resources when needed.
- Avoid travelling outside of Central New York for the Fall 2020 semester.
- Respectfully remind others about safety measures.

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