

TEMPORARY ADDENDUM

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT: Unapproved Social Gatherings

The Temporary Policy provisions contained herein shall apply to every student, including those who have dual enrollment status while on the premises of the Shepherdstown or Martinsburg campuses of the University, except as otherwise expressly specified herein. Unless otherwise specified herein, the use of the term “student” hereafter shall include all levels of students and dual enrollment students of the University.

All policies herein are adopted to help ensure adherence to State and Health regulations applicable to the University and to enhance the personal safety of Shepherd’s students, employees, and other members of the Shepherd community. The University emphasizes that while many of these policies provide at least some safety benefit to the employee whose compliance is required, the policies are in all cases also designed to enhance the safety of others on the campus.

UNAPPROVED SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

Any unapproved social gatherings not adhering to restrictions placed by WV Governor Jim Justice, the Jefferson County Health Department, and the Temporary Addendum to the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct, are suspended until further notice. According to current Student Handbook policies, “The University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community.” This includes actions by students that are reported both on-campus and off-campus.

ENFORCEMENT:

Students should understand that conduct investigation and charges will be initiated when the university’s interest, safety, and/or capacity to function as an academic community is involved. The student conduct process applies to individual students, student groups, student clubs, and student organizations recognized by or affiliated with Shepherd University. If a student fails to comply with this policy, it may be addressed as a Student Conduct matter in the ordinary course of Student Conduct practices under Student Code of Conduct policy 1300. Failure to Comply, 100. Violations of Law, 900. Disruptive Conduct, or 1100. Endangering Conduct. All meetings and hearings for Student Conduct will be conducted virtually and any charges relating to health/safety compliance will be expedited so that each alleged violation is addressed rapidly. Negligent non-compliance may be a matter of counseling and/or progressive discipline, depending upon the circumstances because these are safety compliance issues, non-compliance could immediately result in stronger, immediate sanctions. Willful non-compliance would constitute a serious infraction, and is subject to Student Conduct action and more harsh sanctions, which could include suspension or expulsion.

The University reserves the right during the pandemic to administer any Student Conduct proceedings on any expedited basis that provides a reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard

and to replace hearing panels, where applicable, with a single administrative review. As is always the case under Student Conduct policies, cases of substantial and immediate threat to safety may be administered with a preliminary administrative action prior to notice, and is followed by an opportunity for administrative review, promptly consistent with normal institutional policy and practice, reports of students violating a Code of Conduct policy should be directed to the Coordinator for Student Conduct via phone, email, or report through Guardian.

UNIVERSITY JURISDICTION:

Enrollment at Shepherd University is a voluntary decision, which includes a student's acceptance of the responsibility to meet academic requirements and to behave consistently with the university's policies, purposes and objectives at all times, on campus, off campus and in cyberspace. The university reserves the right to notify law enforcement to problems on or off campus. Shepherd University's jurisdiction includes university-owned or operated property, as well as university-sponsored functions that occur on or off campus.

Students should demonstrate respect and concern for all members of both on-campus and off-campus communities and behave as responsible citizens. Students should understand that conduct investigation and charges will be initiated when the university's interest, safety, and/or capacity to function as an academic community is involved.

REVISIONS AND EXPIRATION: These temporary COVID-19 policies will be subject to amendment, as authorized by the President, as circumstances may dictate. Amendments would be made to advance the University's commitment to the health and safety of the campus community, but also decreasing the scope of these provisions if improved conditions in West Virginia and the region justify such action. These temporary COVID-19 policies will expire upon the direction of the University President or the Board of Governors, consistent with the foregoing factors