SLC COVID related policies for 2020-2021

As we look forward to welcoming students, faculty and staff to campus, Sarah Lawrence College has created new practices and protocols to preserve the safety and health of the community as best as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. While the College cannot fully eliminate the risk of illness during a global pandemic, we, as members of the College community, can commit to conducting ourselves in a manner that cares for and is respectful of the collective well-being of the community.

As members of the SLC community, it is important to recognize and acknowledge the 2019 Novel Coronavirus will impact the student experience, the risk incurred in on-campus work and study, and affirm a commitment to acting in the best interest of the communal good by adhering to the following measures, which have been developed in accordance with federal, state, and local public health guidelines.

The College may also ask that additional or different protective measures be taken, as circumstances change. The success of expanding our reopening and campus activities will only be possible through complete community cooperation. We expect that all students, acknowledge and agree to abide by the following COVID-19 health and safety measures:

1. Strictly observe social distancing requirements involving six feet of separation in all public facilities and outdoor spaces including within the residence halls, classrooms, performance spaces, dining spaces, communal bathrooms and
2. Wear face coverings in all public spaces, both on and off campus, regardless of whether social distancing is possible.
3. Observe capacity limits of campus rooms and spaces, and policies pertaining to guests and hosting on campus broadly, and in individual offices and residence hall rooms.
4. Daily monitoring and reporting of symptoms prior to arriving on campus or leaving on campus residence.
5. Receive testing for COVID-19 as directed by College officials or others.
6. Do not gather nor smoke on Glen Washington Road between Kimball Avenue and Mead Way, as it is a main pedestrian crossing and thoroughfare for campus.
7. When indicated, students will relocate to Isolation and Quarantine spaces in accordance with New York State and Westchester County Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines.
8. Respond to contact tracing requests made by the Westchester County Department of Health and the College.
9. To comply with the CDC’s requirement to reduce the density of the residential community in order to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, guests (those who are not students, faculty, or staff) will not be permitted on campus or in the residence halls. Students in residence will be expected to follow residence life policies and procedures.
10. Adhere to directives related to disease mitigation given by College officials as circumstances change, which may include departing campus in response to changing circumstances or public health order.

Any opportunity to protect our community from contracting and spreading COVID-19 virus requires the full cooperation of all our students, faculty and staff in adhering to these protocols, as they represent our best chance preserving the safety and health of those on campus and in surrounding communities.

As always, we will update you with information about specific health and safety guidance important for our students, especially as the situation evolves. You are responsible for complying with the rules, policies and regulations contained within the Community Standards, as well as this supplemental section pertaining to COVID-19. Failure to follow these requirements may constitute a violation of the College’s community standards, and may result in disciplinary measures up to and including removal from residence, restriction from campus or suspension.