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Crimson Commitment - Classroom COVID-19 Safe Practices

RECOMMENDED CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT STEPS

Steps for managing and enforcing Covid-19 safe practices in the classroom:

1. Beginning January 20, 2021, students will be required to view and acknowledge the “New Mexico State University COVID-19 Safety Commitment” when they login to their **MyNMSU** portal. The video will play only once and requires electronic acknowledgement before an individual can continue to access online resources. **Faculty need not do include the video acknowledgement requirement in the syllabus.*
2. Faculty/instructors should include a statement indicating that students are expected to follow the “New Mexico State University COVID-19 Safety Commitment Statement” and are encouraged to include the 3 expectations in the course syllabus (Personally Protecting Health, Protecting Other Aggies, and Keeping Aggie Community Safe). COVID-19 and classroom management resources for faculty to utilize can be found on the [Provost website](https://provost.nmsu.edu/faculty-and-staff-resources/syllabus/index.html) (<https://provost.nmsu.edu/faculty-and-staff-resources/syllabus/index.html>).
3. Faculty/instructors teaching face to face courses should review the face covering and social distancing requirements for the classroom, together with all other regular classroom management requirements, at the beginning of the first class.
4. Faculty/instructor should clearly state, on the first day of class, that anyone not able to comply with COVID 19 Classroom Safe Practices should switch to a 100% online section immediately as they cannot stay in this section which has in-person components
5. Faculty/instructors can direct students to the Office of the Dean of Students (DOS@nmsu.edu) should they inquire about or request an exception to the face covering requirement.
6. If a student refuses to put on or wear a face covering and refuses to leave the class, faculty/instructors should send a follow-up report to the Office of the Dean of Students after the class using the [Campus Community Incident Response Form](https://deanofstudents.nmsu.edu/studentassistanceservices/report.html) or go to the DOS website at <https://deanofstudents.nmsu.edu/studentassistanceservices/report.html>.
7. As has always been the case, if an instructor managing the classroom feels any situation has become unsafe or the class learning environment is being interfered with, faculty/instructors should take action necessary for instructor and student safety, including calling the NMSU police if warranted.
8. Department heads are expected to communicate with faculty information about their rights, responsibility and resources available to them regarding how to handle confrontation issues that arise during the course of a class meeting.

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THE CRIMSON COMMITMENT

By, I Commit to:

Personally Protecting My Own Health

- ✓ Monitor myself for symptoms of COVID-19
- ✓ Report to the Aggie Health & Wellness Center or other appropriate staff if ill
- ✓ Wear a mask if I am in public, especially in crowded, enclosed spaces
- ✓ Wash my hands often with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizer

Protecting Other Aggies

- ✓ Wear an appropriate face covering and other protection as instructed
- ✓ Practice appropriate social distancing, especially in crowded spaces
- ✓ Stay home if I feel ill or other instructed to someone who is ill
- ✓ Be courteous, attentive and helpful to everyone around me

Keeping the Aggie Community Safe

- ✓ Avoid any gatherings, personal services and shared spaces
- ✓ Practice safe driving, seat belt wearing, and proper use of alcohol
- ✓ Identify relevant instructional signs and follow directions from university officials

Faculty/instructors should include “New Mexico State University COVID-19 Safety Commitment” language in the course syllabus. Resources for your syllabus are available on the Provost website (<http://provost.nmsu.edu>).

** All students will be required to watch the Crimson Commitment Video module and acknowledge it beginning January 20, 2021 when they login to the MyNMSU portal. Faculty do NOT need to add this viewing requirement to their syllabus.*



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Faculty/instructor states anyone not able to comply with safe practices will be requested to switch to a 100% online section immediately as they cannot stay in the section which has in-person components.



Faculty/instructor should clearly state, on the first day of class, that anyone not able to comply with COVID 19 Classroom Safe Practices will be asked to leave.

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