

# COVID-19 Expectations and the Crimson Commitment

You are expected to comply with all university requirements and expectations regarding mask-wearing, vaccination, and testing, or you should not enroll in in-person course sections. Please do not come to class if you are feeling sick; communicate with your instructor about making up any missed classes.

## Mask requirements for all students

All students, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask while indoors on any NMSU system campus. Any changes or updates to this guidance will be posted online at [now.nmsu.edu](https://now.nmsu.edu). If you need to request an exception to the mask-wearing requirement, contact the [Dean of Students Office](#) at 575-646-1722.

## Vaccination and testing protocols

Unless you are enrolled in exclusively online courses and will not be on campus for any reason, you must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or submit weekly COVID-19 test results at [VaxTrax.nmsu.edu](https://VaxTrax.nmsu.edu). More information about how to submit your proof of vaccination or proof of testing is available at [VaxTraxInfo.nmsu.edu](https://VaxTraxInfo.nmsu.edu).

## The Crimson Commitment

All students must acknowledge the Crimson Commitment at [my.nmsu.edu](https://my.nmsu.edu). Your commitment states:

### I commit to myself and other Aggies. I will:

- ✓ **Get vaccinated** for COVID-19 or submit weekly COVID-19 test results if I am enrolled in any in-person or hybrid courses, or if I will be on campus for any reason
- ✓ **Monitor myself** for symptoms of COVID-19
- ✓ **Report to the Aggie Health & Wellness Center** or another medical professional if I have symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable illness
- ✓ **Wash my hands** often with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizer
- ✓ **Wear a mask and keep my distance** as directed by the latest university guidance
- ✓ **Stay home if I feel ill** or have been around someone ill
- ✓ **Report a positive case** online at [now.nmsu.edu](https://now.nmsu.edu) and participate in contact tracing if called
- ✓ **Keep up to date with the latest guidance** from experts at NMSU, the NM Department of Health, and the CDC.

### I will abide by these practices throughout the year:

- ✓ I will not use vaccine status or mask-wearing to discriminate against my classmates, instructors, or NMSU staff members in any way.
- ✓ I will follow instructions regarding seating in campus classrooms.
- ✓ I will speak to my instructor if I have concerns about social distancing or wearing a mask during class.
- ✓ If I am unable to attend an in-person class session due to symptoms of COVID-19 or another illness, I will communicate with my instructor ahead of time.

### If I am unwilling to comply with COVID-safe practices:

- ✓ I will talk to my academic advisor about enrolling in online course sections, if available, or disenrolling from fall coursework. (Disenrolling will impact financial aid, housing, etc.)

## Stay informed about COVID-19 at NMSU

You can find more information about the NMSU system's COVID-19 response at [now.nmsu.edu](https://now.nmsu.edu). In addition, updates are available to students and families through many communication channels. Links to visit or subscribe are available at [now.nmsu.edu/plan/communication-and-information-sharing.html](https://now.nmsu.edu/plan/communication-and-information-sharing.html).