



New England College

Updated Pilgrim's Promise

Our campus, our country, and our world are all facing a global pandemic. There is nothing normal about life during COVID-19. And yet we are determined to continue the teaching and learning that takes place at New England College. This decision represents our desire to make progress in our educational journey. We are pilgrims navigating strange times but committed to rejoining our classmates, faculty, staff and community members in Henniker and Manchester. To do this, we must commit to changes that will keep us all safe and reassure those with whom we live, learn, work, and recreate.

This is our promise:

1. I promise to wear a cloth or surgical mask correctly (covering both my nose and mouth) on campus as required and described in the Student Handbook.
2. I promise to always maintain social distance on campus. I understand the minimum distance I should be away from others is six feet.
3. I promise to limit my travel to essential travel only. If for any reason I need to travel across the New Hampshire State Line, I will contact the Dean of Students (or designee) to ask for permission with least one business day of notice. Likewise, I understand that I may not stay off campus overnight ANYWHERE without permission from the Dean of Students (or designee).
4. I promise to monitor my own health and if I am feeling any type of symptoms, including but not limited to a fever, headache, loss of taste or smell, or a cough, I will e-mail the COVID Response Team at CovidResponseTeam@nec.edu. If I have a fever, I will not enter any building other than my residence hall without permission from Dean of Students (or designee) and contact the COVID Response Team immediately. When entering a building with an automatic temperature kiosk, I promise to follow the instructions and immediately leave the building if I do not have a normal temperature.
5. I promise if I test positive for COVID-19 or am determined to be a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual, and I live within 4 hours of New England College, I will go home immediately. If I live outside of the 4-hour radius, I will abide by all mandates given to me by the COVID Response Team for staying in isolation or quarantine. Isolation or quarantine may include moving to a space designated by the college or staying in my own room.
6. If I am a student living in a residence hall, I promise for at least the first two weeks and not until directed by the Dean of Students (or designee), I will not have any visitors

(other students) or guests (non-students) in my room. Once I receive permission to have visitors in my room I will only have other residential students in my room and we will all be wearing masks at all times. I promise to only have two other residential visitors in my room.

7. If I am a student living off campus, I promise to not host gatherings where social distance cannot be maintained, especially inside my off-campus residence. I promise to wear masks and maintain social distance when I am around others who do not live in my apartment.
8. If I am mandated to take a COVID test as part of the NEC Systematic Testing Program recommended by the NH State Department of Health, I promise to take the test on the specified day I am selected. If I miss the test, I promise to stop going to face-to-face classes and participating in activities, including athletics, until I have a negative test result provided to the Wellness Center and confirmation of receipt of the negative COVID results. In addition, if I miss two tests within the semester, I will be asked to leave campus and will become a remote student immediately and be subject to a fine.
9. I promise to report, anonymously or not, any students who have violated any aspect of the Pilgrim's Promise to the Dean of Student's office.
10. I promise to treat remote classes as a professional class environment. I agree to be fully aware of my surroundings when zooming into class and will follow the expectations set forth on the syllabus.

By continuing to be on campus for classes, living and participating in activities, I acknowledge that the above promises are mandatory and if I fail to abide by any of the items listed above, I understand that I will forfeit my ability to take face-to-face classes, participate in activities and live in campus housing. I acknowledge I will still be responsible for paying my housing and board plans without refund if it is determined that I must leave campus. I also understand that if I am dismissed from campus, the term will not count towards the college's residency requirement.

*Please note the Pilgrim Promise is subject to change due to the circumstances related to the COVID pandemic. Your flexibility is appreciated.