

COVID-19: Excellent Infectious Behavior Control (EIBC) Guidelines & Policy

I. Introduction

At Loyola Marymount University (LMU), protecting the health, safety and well-being of the community is our top priority. Due to the current declared public emergency COVID-19 communicable disease outbreak/pandemic, LMU acknowledges that new standards of behavior are expected of all community members including Students, as each community member must prioritize the health and safety of others in addition to their own personal self-care. LMU is committed to taking necessary and appropriate steps consistent with guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to best safeguard our community. As responsible members of the LMU Community, Students are expected to adhere, with integrity, to health and safety practices that place the needs of the campus and all its constituents first. Accordingly, the following Excellent Infectious Behavior Control (EIBC) Guidelines describe expected behaviors through the 2020-21 academic year, unless otherwise advised by University Administration.

II. The Lion's COVID Commitment

We, as Lions, find strength in our mission and values, even during trying times. After demonstrating exemplary courage and strength when the campus transitioned to distance learning during the spring 2020 semester, there is no doubt that we will continue to show resilience and adaptability as we navigate the changing norms of our campus culture. Being people for and with others means embracing new standards on and off the Bluff to make an impact greater than ourselves.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MIND Awareness & Informed Behavior

We understand the ongoing, ever-changing events and their implications on our national and global community.

In our pursuit of the education of the whole person, we will continue to learn and engage in conversation, even in non-traditional formats, and make intentional space for self-reflection and expression.

We commit to listening to and embracing the inclusivity of ideas, of world views, of voices, of those we agree with and understand, and as importantly, those with whom we disagree and don't yet understand.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HAND

Adaptability & Leadership

Our actions have exaggerated impacts, good and bad, seen and unseen, requiring flexibility to adapt to the changing needs of the community.

As leaders in the world, we serve by example, carrying the health and wellness of the Pride in each of our hands.

We commit to regular and thorough hand washing and wearing a face covering in all public campus areas, including classrooms.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEART

Congruence & Compassion

Embracing our common values, we commit ourselves to self-control and outward accountability, even when it is uncomfortable.

We acknowledge the struggles of others, understand the diverse challenges we face, interact with patience and sensitivity, and encourage self-care.

We commit to practice physical distancing in our on-campus and off-campus interactions to protect all members of the Lion community and those we serve.

Our normal is constantly changing. It is active and fluid, but the heart of a Lion remains the same.

We commit to being flexible and adaptable to changing policies and protocols even when it is challenging.

III. EIBC Guidelines

A. Mask/Face Covering

Students are required to regularly wear a mask or face covering over the nose and mouth while in public spaces on campus, including but not limited to, classrooms, residence halls, common areas, administrative offices, etc. Cloth face coverings must cover both the nose and mouth and can be secured to the head with ties, straps, earloops or may be wrapped around the lower face. Face coverings can be made using a variety of cloth materials or improvised using bandanas, scarves, etc. Face coverings are in addition to and do not substitute for physical distancing (see below).

B. Wash Hands

Students are expected to wash their hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after having been in a public space, or after blowing one's nose, coughing or sneezing. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

C. Physical (Social) Distancing

Students are expected to practice physical distancing by keeping a minimum of 6 feet apart from others, when in shared, public spaces, both on and off campus.

D. Social Gatherings are Prohibited

Students are expected to not socially gather outside of approved University classes and/or functions, both on and off campus.

E. Be Adaptable in your Actions

Students are expected to be adaptable towards the changing norms of our campus culture and should be ready to pivot at any given time at the direction of LMU and of public health authorities.

F. Quarantine/Self-Isolation

Students are expected to adhere to requests from University officials and Student Housing administration to either quarantine or self-isolate as necessary to limit the spread of possible communicable diseases.

G. Lion Health Check Pre-Screening Tool

Students are required to download the Lion Health Check app, Rave Guardian, and submit the questionnaire and temperature check daily prior to arriving to campus for class or other University business. Students living in on-campus housing are also required to submit the questionnaire and temperature check daily prior to exiting their residence and interacting with campus. It is critical for maintaining the successful reintegration of Students to LMU's campus for Students to provide honest answers when completing the questionnaire and temperature check and staying away from campus or remaining in their on-campus residence if denied access to campus by the Lion Health Check app.

IV. Policies Applicable to EIBC

A. Students are required to follow the EIBC Guidelines, which can be found above.

B. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Guidelines.

C. Student Conduct Code: Section III of the Student Conduct Code outlines prohibited conduct. Such prohibited conduct includes behaviors that are contrary to or incompatible with EIBC Guidelines. This includes:

1. Section III, Letter A: Community Relations Policy;
2. Section III, Letter C: Conduct or behavior that violates applicable state and local public health guidelines, University requirements or otherwise inappropriately puts the health and safety of the University Community at increased risk of adverse consequences. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct or behavior counter to EIBC Guidelines;
3. Section III, Letter F: Failure to comply with directions of University officials;
4. Section III, Letter H: Furnishing false information;
5. Section III, Letter R: Unauthorized presence.