

Everything You Need to Know about

Living on Campus and the Coronavirus 2020-2021



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A letter from the Dean

Dear Students,

We are in extraordinary times. The last several months have seen a way of life to which none of us are accustomed. During the Pathway Deliberative Committee (PDC) process you made it clear that the ability to live on campus was a top priority. The document below is an outline of the steps and expectations we believe will allow us to have students back on campus for the Fall 2020 semester based on the most up to date public health guidelines and recommendations, as well as local and state requirements.

I know this is not the on-campus experience any of us were hoping for this year. We worked to balance the desire to live on campus with the responsibility of keeping our community as safe as possible and in compliance with ever changing regulations and expectations. We recognize that not everyone will want to or feel that they are able to live within these expectations. Students and families should make informed choices for the upcoming academic year and we fully support whatever decision you make. Please let us know how we can be helpful in that decision-making process.

During the last several weeks we have listened carefully to each question you have asked. Your input has been crucial to the development of these expectations. Please read them thoroughly and understand that there is no room for flexibility as most of these expectations are based on state and public health guidelines. We know the plan for living on campus for the fall may seem challenging! We recognize that you may have questions. In order to meet the need for answers we ask that if you have questions after reading the document thoroughly you first review the FAQs on the Olin website at <http://www.olin.edu/olin-ahead/updates-messages/>. If questions remain please submit them to olinahead@olin.edu.

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Terms to Know

Household Group- a household group is a group of students identified based on living location. This group would have lighter restrictions on social distancing within their household group

Covid-19- a respiratory illness that is caused by a coronavirus is transmitted chiefly by contact with infectious material (such as respiratory droplets) or with objects or surfaces contaminated by the causative virus, and is characterized especially by fever, cough, and shortness of breath and may progress to pneumonia and respiratory failure

Coronavirus- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). A **novel coronavirus** (nCoV) is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans.

Stand-alone room- a student room that is not part of a suite, stand-alone rooms open directly onto the hall and have private bathrooms, students in standalone rooms will be part of household groups made up of a cluster of standalone rooms.

Suite- a group of six single rooms centered around a common room. For students living in suites, this group will serve as your household group. Other students may not enter your suite for any reason. If a student assigned to a suite chooses to cancel their housing prior to September 1st or departs during the semester, any assignment left vacated will be assigned to the next student who has housing priority at the discretion of StAR.

StAR- Student Affairs and Resources: the division that encompasses the offices of Housing, Health and Wellness, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Post Graduate Planning, the Library, International and Study abroad, Academic Advising, Disability Services, Orientation

General

Testing

Students will be tested twice weekly by the college. Students are required to participate in regular testing.

Contact Tracing

Because rapid identification of infection is crucial to controlling the spread of COVID-19, the college will implement contact tracing. Contact tracing involves identifying and reaching out to people who have come into contact with an infected person. Individuals will be notified if they are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, or of someone who has been instructed to quarantine or get tested for COVID-19 and given further instructions

Possible Infection

Students should contact Babson Health Services immediately if one or more of the following apply:

- have symptoms of COVID-19 (see *Guidelines for Covid Exposures* section)
- have been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with someone who has tested positive or is symptomatic (patient under investigation) and is awaiting test results for COVID-19
- are symptomatic and been tested for COVID-19 at a location other than Babson Health Services and are awaiting results or have been told the test was positive

Interaction/Distancing

Students must maintain 6ft of distance when interacting with anyone not in your household group. If keeping 6 feet of distance is not possible, all parties should wear masks (should at all times outside of residential space), and interactions should be kept as brief as possible (ideally less than ten minutes).

How/When to Wear a Mask

Students are expected to wear masks anytime they are out of their assigned residential space (bedroom or suite) If a student living in a suite shows any symptoms, they should wear a mask in common areas of the suite until they are able to be tested and given further instructions. Exceptions to this expectation include when eating or drinking in socially distanced setting or when in a personally owned car alone. (see also PPE section)

Traveling Off Campus

Students should only leave campus for essential appointments that CANNOT be conducted remotely. This includes certain medical appointments and buying essential items. Visiting other households off campus, attending social events, overnight trips, etc. are to be avoided.

Campus Violations

This year, more than ever before, our policies, expectations and our community members decisions to adhere to them affect the health and possibly lives of those within our community. The decisions that each of us makes, disproportionately affect the most vulnerable members of our community. Due to the timely response needed in addressing these situations, any student believed to be in violation of standards in place for the health and safety of members of our community will meet with the Dean of Student or their appointed designee within an expedited timeline suitable to the situation and will be subject to the repercussions of any decision made by the adjudicator of their meeting.

Priority for On-Campus Housing

Based on the most current medical transmission data around Covid, the recommendations of both the CDC and the American College Health Association, consultation with an Infectious Disease Response Epidemiologist at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the specific assessed needs of the Olin Community we will be moving forward within housing in the following way.

As it is NOT recommended for students to live in a shared bedroom setting, Our Default will be to assign one student per residential room, if any of the returning students who are already identified for housing wish to request a double with a peer those requests will need to be assessed on a case by case basis, decisions will be made based on the most current information and with a thoughtful regard for the entire community. Students who request a double **will not** be eligible to switch rooms or to switch into a single at any point during the Fall semester. Rates for doubles and singles will remain the same as they always have. We are working from a starting point of 225 available spaces due to need for designated quarantine spaces. The following priorities will be followed when assigning students to on campus housing.

Tier 1:

Group	Detail	Anticipated students
Seniors (as described to the right)	Students who entered Olin Fall of 2017	86
International Students	Holding F-1 Visa	26
First year Students		86
R2 staff	Needed for operation purposes	10
Students with a proven NEED	Housing insecurity, safety concerns	To Be Determined
	TOTAL	208 + proven need

Tier 2:

Students present for operational reasons in support of overall student experience	Student workers, ARCs, NINJAs who need to be on site, etc.	As spaces become available
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Tier 3:

In the event that students from the above groups choose not to live on campus, creating open spaces, interested students will be selected at random through a lottery system

Residential Move In

Students who receive on-campus housing will be assigned a specific move in day and will be able to sign up for a specific move in window. It is vital that students arrive during their check-in window so that we are able to meet the health standards and expectations set before us in regards to potential cross contamination.

During move in, students will be limited to one friend or family member with them on campus. Both members of the party must wear masks at all times during the move in process. Specific details and protocol will be shared with those assigned to housing in August. Move in will be contactless.

Move in dates

First Year Move in: September 2-3 by appointment

Continuing Student Move in: September 5-7 by appointment

Move in Quarantine

Olin College will comply with the guidance of the Mass Department of Public Health. At this time the expectation is: "All travelers arriving to Massachusetts are instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days, except travelers from Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, and New Jersey are exempt from this directive." Quarantine will begin when the student takes their arrival COVID test. During this time students will need to remain in their assigned bedroom or suite. Meals will be ordered through an online system and delivered three times a day. You are encouraged to stock up on any snacks you may want prior to arrival.

Packing

Upon reopening we must plan for the scenario that if Massachusetts cases spike and the state goes back to phase 2 we will be forced to close the physical campus. In this situation, students may be given as little as 48 hours' notice to vacate the campus and to take everything with them. Students should pack accordingly, only bring what you can take in a carload or on the plane with you. Due to space restrictions we do not anticipate being able to store anything left behind this year. Items left may be donated or disposed of. Students should be able to move in with no more than two trips to the car per person. Carts will not be available.

Things to Bring -Covid edition	Things to Leave Home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum belongings for the semester ○ Suitcases, flattened boxes or storage bins adequate to pack all possessions quickly ○ A minimum of 7 cloth facemasks (specifications in PPE section) ○ A thermometer ○ Hand sanitizer ○ Hand soap ○ Cleaning wipes ○ Snacks ○ Bug spray with Deet (there is an anticipated EEE outbreak in MA this fall) ○ Go Bag (see Quarantining section) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any and all Furniture (a desk lamp is ok) ○ Lofts ○ Instruments that involve blowing ○ Excess anything ○ Kitchen supplies, the community kitchen is closed <p>As Always, the following are never permitted in Res halls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Halogen lamps, candles, or space heaters ● Any pet except a fish in a 10-gallon tank or less, ● Power tools of ANY kind ● Refrigerators, microwave, hot plates, or coffee makers (we provide you with a <i>microfridge</i>) ● Big screws, drywall anchors, or anything else that might damage the walls in your room ● Fireworks, firearms, swords, or any weapons

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal drugs (for all) & alcohol (for those under 21)
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On Campus Life

On Campus life for the Fall of 2020 will look very different from a traditional semester at Olin. To be able to maintain a safe environment for those on campus — Students, Staff and Faculty — we have needed to add additional restrictions.

Interactions

Direct interactions will be limited to your household group. Any outside interactions (*e.g.*, in person class, essential shopping) should only be done using social distancing best practice (see *PPE* section).

Common spaces

Access to most common spaces will be either limited or unavailable, (see the *Space Access Table*).

Doors

Doors to residential rooms and suites may not be propped open at any time, so as to contain any germs from the resident of the room.

Keys in doors

Historically some Olin students have made it a habit to leave keys in their room or suite doors. Due to cleaning protocol of hallways and door handles this will not be permitted. Any key found in a door by the facilities staff while cleaning will be subject to collection. Standard lost key policies and fees will be in place for any key out of the possession of the student to whom it is issued.

Residential hallways

Hallways will be marked as one way. Students will be expected to enter through the main entrance of the building and to use the center staircase (or elevator if needed, but limited to one passenger). Once on your floor you will be able to go down your hall from the central area. To exit the building students (except those needing an elevator for medical needs) will travel in the marked direction — away from the center of the building — and will travel down the exterior stairwell and out the side door. No personal possessions may be left in the hallways. Anything found in the hallways will be immediately disposed of. Residents may not congregate, gather, or sit in hallways.

Parties

No parties or large gatherings will be permitted on campus. Residential Students will be expected not to participate in any large gatherings on or off campus. (See guest limits listed under “guests in your room”)

Housing groups

Students will live in household groups defined by residential wings (in the case of stand-alone rooms) or by suite group. Those students living in a stand-alone room within a wing that also contains a suite will be in a household group with the students in the other doubles in that wing but NOT in the suite. Students in suites will be in household groups with other members of their suite ONLY. Multiple suites may NOT merge into one group. The students in your household group are the students with whom you will be able to relax your social distancing guidelines, to the level that you are comfortable. (Housing selection information will follow shortly.)

Guests in your room

Guests in student rooms are limited to members of your own household group. Bedrooms within a suite should have no more than three people at a time. Stand-alone rooms may have no more than four people at one time.

Room Changes

Once assigned, no room changes or swaps will be permitted. Due to Covid tracking and contact tracing, students MUST live in the room they are registered to. Due to the very limited timeline we do not have the capacity to entertain changes after the fact. Any student found to have moved rooms or not to be living in their assigned space may be subject to forfeit their housing.

Visitors

No Visitors are permitted on campus

Residential Visitors

Students are only permitted to be in their own residential wing of the building they are assigned to. Students should not be visiting other residential wings, rooms or suites for any purpose

Spending night off campus

Students should not spend the night off campus, in the instance that a student has to be off campus overnight, prior to reentering the residence halls they should contact Babson health services. The student will need to be tested for Covid and enter Quarantine until Babson Health Services determines it is safe to return to their household group. If a student is found to be egregiously in violation of this expectation, they will meet with the Dean of Student Affairs or their designee to determine further consequences.

Food delivery

If students want to order food delivery from off campus vendors, curbside pickup at the establishment or contactless delivery to front of building should be used. Masks should be worn during pickup

Bikes

Community bike rooms will be closed, students with bikes will need to store them in their own rooms

Go Bikes will not be available for student use

Community Unicycles will not be available for student use

Cleaning

Students will be expected to keep their residential space and bathroom clean and disinfected, Suite groups will be responsible for cleaning their bathrooms and common rooms in addition to their personal bedrooms

Canceling Housing

Students who choose to cancel their housing prior to September 1st by contacting the Associate Dean of Student Affairs will receive a full refund for their room and board cost (for more details see refunds section) any assignment left vacated will be assigned to the next student who has priority at the discretion of StAR. This includes spaces within suites.

Campus Resources

Dining

Campus dining will provide to-go options for students not in quarantine or isolation and will provide delivery options for any student in quarantine or isolation. Limited socially distant dining room and/or outdoor seating may be available during lunch only. Students are expected to remove food garbage from their room to community trash rooms daily to prevent bugs and rodents

Parcel B

Parcel B walking paths will be open for student use. Mask, household, and social distancing guidelines apply. (please be aware, EEE has already been identified in Massachusetts for this year. An increased EEE threat may alter access to parcel B and all outdoor spaces. <https://www.mass.gov/guides/eee-in-massachusetts>)

Campus Mail

Campus mail delivery will be operational for mail and packages, contactless package pickup will also be available.

Laundry

Covid-19 means that clothing should be kept as clean as possible. The CDC provides recommended [guidelines for doing laundry](#). Those guidelines advise using the warmest water possible, drying items completely, and washing only your own clothes. Towels and sheets should be washed frequently. Students are advised to bring an ample supply of cloth face coverings that can be used between laundry visits. Students will need to practice physical distancing even while doing laundry. Laundry schedules will be developed and maintained to maximize the use of the laundry facilities.

Athletics

Due to state restrictions, Olin Fall sports (soccer and ultimate frisbee) will be cancelled.

Library

Keeping in alignment with state reopening guidelines for libraries and observing trends in the results of reopening various spaces in Massachusetts and beyond, **the Olin College Library will not be physically open for student or public use for the foreseeable future.** Olin community members will be able to order items for pickup via the library online through the Minuteman Library Network, the library will offer a form of “curbside pickup” at a designated space on campus. Items will be checked out, bagged & tagged for easy contactless pickup. Additionally, the staff will focus on making electronic resources available for student use and helping community members navigate and evaluate online content supporting Olin students both on and off campus.

Space Access Table 1 of 2

Access to the following areas will be adjusted for the foreseeable future:

Babson Campus	Health Services	Open by Appointment only
Babson Campus	Babson Fitness	Likely closed to Olin students. Awaiting confirmation.
Babson Campus	Trim Dining Hall	Closed to Olin students
Babson Campus	Weissman Foundry	Closed to Olin students
Babson, Olin, Wellesley	Shuttle	Not operating Fall of 2020
Campus Center	Campus Center Pool/Game Room	Closed to student use Repurposed for package pickup
Campus Center	Crescent Room	Under review
Campus Center	Olin Dining Hall	Open by meal appointment only
Campus Center	Campus Center Jam Room	Closed to student use
LPB	Large Project Building	Closed to student use
Milas Hall	Library	Closed for in person interactions "Curbside" pickup available
Milas Hall	Milas Hall Computer lab	Under review
Residential Halls	Residential Fitness Room	Closed to student use
Residential Halls	Bike Room	Closed to student use Bikes may be kept in rooms
Residential Halls	Residential Kitchens	Closed to student use
Residential Halls	Team Rooms	Closed to student use
Residential Halls	Residential Lounges	Closed to student use Used as pass through
Residential Halls	Residential Music Rooms	Closed to student use
Residential Halls	Residential Laundry Rooms	Open as usual Increased cleaning scheduled
Residential Halls	Penthouse storage	Closed to student use
Residential Halls	Residential guest bathrooms	Closed to student use

Space Access Table 2 of 2

Access to the following areas will be adjusted for the foreseeable future:

Academic Center	103 Laser Shop	Closed to student use
Academic Center	104 Weld Shop	Closed to student use
Academic Center	104a Storage	Closed to student use
Academic Center	105 Shop Office	Closed to student use
Academic Center	106 Machine Shop	Closed to student use
Academic Center	107 Abrasive Shop	Closed to student use
Academic Center	108 Mini Metal Shop	Closed to student use
Academic Center	Hallway 3D Printer Farm	Closed to student use
Academic Center	116 Shopbot	Closed to student use
Academic Center	128 Wood Shop	Closed to student use
Academic Center	202 Photo Studio	Closed to student use
Academic Center	207 Green Shop	Closed to student use
Academic Center	403 Support/Cold Rooms	Possibly available by appointment
Academic Center	404 Bio Lab	Possibly available by appointment
Academic Center	405 Jean Huang Lab	Closed to student use
Academic Center	406 Bio Lab	Possibly available by appointment
Academic Center	407 Joanne Pratt Lab	Closed to student use
Academic Center	408 Bio Lab	Possibly available by appointment
Academic Center	409 Lab Chemistry	Closed to student use
Academic Center	412 Lab Support/Storage	Closed to student use
Academic Center	413 Lab	Closed to student use
Academic Center	416 Linda Vanasupa Lab	Closed to student use
Academic Center	426 Wind Tunnel	Possibly available by appointment
Academic Center	429 Lab Support/Storage	Closed to student use
Academic Center	Memorial Lounge	Closed to student use
Academic Center	AC common areas	Closed to student use. Pass through only.
Academic Center	AC classrooms	Under review

Campus Closure

Planned

Campus is scheduled to close on December 19 at 12:00 noon, all students must vacate the residence halls by this time. If a student is in isolation or quarantine at the time of closure, arrangements will be made for the student to stay on campus in isolation or quarantine until it is deemed safe to depart.

Students must FULLY move out of their fall assignment for winter break, which includes taking all their belongings. This needs to be done so the building can be fully cleaned and disinfected over the winter closure. Details will be made available closer to closing. Storage may not be available.

Thanksgiving

Students are permitted to stay on campus through Thanksgiving break, dining will continue throughout break.

Students who choose to leave campus for Thanksgiving will not be permitted to return for the remainder of the fall semester and must completely vacate their rooms when departing for Thanksgiving following the published checkout procedures.

Unplanned Campus Closure

In the event Olin is forced to close the physical campus due to a resurgence of the Covid-19 virus, campus staff will provide as much support and lead time as possible. We have been informed by the state of Massachusetts we may be given as little as 48 hours' notice to close and clear our campus. Due to this possibility students are being reminded to pack VERY lightly when coming to college this year (please see packing section) and to have a transportation plan in place. We will not be able to store any personal possessions after departure, anything left behind will be sanitized and donated to an appropriate charity.

Refunds

If the decision is made to close the campus mid-semester, students will be issued a credit to their student account for room and board charges. The credit will be pro-rated commensurate with the date of departure and refunds, as applicable, will be processed as soon as administratively feasible.

If a student elects individually to leave Olin prior to the completion of the semester or is asked to leave campus housing due to a violation of campus policy related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the student will not receive a credit or refund for any unused portion of room & board charges.

Students who choose to cancel their housing prior to September 1st by contacting the Associate Dean of Student Affairs through Olin email will receive a full refund for the room and board cost. Students who choose to cancel an assignment after September 1st, but prior to taking occupancy of the space will receive a prorated refund.

Quarantine or Isolation Housing

Defining the language of quarantine and isolation: Quarantine housing is used when a person has potentially been exposed to an illness and needs to separate from other people in order to see if they develop symptoms and become sick. Isolation housing is used when someone has symptoms or is confirmed to have an illness. (See Guidelines for COVID-19 Exposures). If an on-campus student needs to go into quarantine, Babson Health Services will work with StAR to arrange for the student to move to a private room with a private bathroom until the period of quarantine is over. If a student needs to go into isolation, Babson Health Services will work with Residence Life to arrange for the student to move to a private room or semi-private room with another student who is also in isolation. If the student already lives alone in a stand-alone room, they will be permitted to quarantine or isolate in their own room.

Olin College has set aside student housing that will serve as quarantine and isolation accommodations for residential students who share bathroom facilities. When a residential student is temporarily assigned to quarantine or isolation, the student will receive a detailed plan from StAR about the steps they need to take to prepare for their stay in temporary accommodations. While in quarantine or isolation, students will have full access to wireless internet in their accommodations, so they are able to attend classes remotely and participate in virtual student activities. Olin Dining will provide regular delivery of prepared meals for reheating, fresh fruit, produce and dairy products. All quarantine and isolation spaces will contain a micro fridge. Olin Dining Services will reach out to students at the start of their stay in quarantine or isolation to inquire about food allergies and/or special dietary requirements.

Babson Health Services personnel will remotely monitor the progress of the student and will determine when the quarantine or isolation period has concluded, and the student may return to their Fall room assignment.

Additional guidance on who must quarantine, including temporary residence assignments and protocols, will be provided to students who are going into quarantine or isolation housing.

Quarantine restrictions

Students in quarantine and isolation may not leave the assigned room for any reason without authorization from Babson Health or StAR. Students in quarantine or isolation may not have guests or in-person interactions with other students. A caretaker may not join the student in quarantine, if a student is unable to care for themselves, we will coordinate transportation to an appropriate medical facility.

Meals while in Quarantine or Isolation

Students in quarantine and isolation will be able to pre-order meals through a specialized dining app for delivery to their door. Meals will be delivered three times a day during mealtime slots and can be ordered up to 24 hours in advance. Meals will be left outside the door and the deliverer will knock and depart. The student in quarantine should wait 3-5 minutes and may open the door to retrieve the meal.

Life in Quarantine or Isolation

Life in quarantine or isolation can be challenging. Here are a few tips and suggestions to prepare for the possibility you may be quarantined:

1. Have all the needed materials to continue your studies as much as you are able from your room
2. Have a check-in plan with some friends or family members. Texts, calls and zoom can be a great comfort.
3. Consider purchasing subscriptions to some sort of online entertainment, either games or media streaming platforms like Netflix, Hulu, or Disney+ (to name a few).
4. Have a few books you have been meaning to read purchased and ready
5. Have hobby supplies (coloring books, knitting supplies, Legos)
6. Have a stuffed animal (teddy bear cuddles are important when sick) to keep you company
7. Pre-purchase a supply of snacks and beverages, have some of your comfort foods ready

“Go” Bags

All Students should have a "go" bag that remains packed and ready in case they are instructed to move for quarantine purposes.

This bag should include:

1. 2 changes of comfortable clothes (others should be brought but have 2 ready to go at all times)
2. Toiletries
3. A plate, cup, bowl, and set of silverware
4. An extra set of sheets
5. A towel
6. Activities (book, coloring book, origami paper, something that will bring you joy)
7. Preferred snacks (meals will be provided, but you can bring your own snacks if you have favorites)
8. A list of other last-minute things to grab specific to you pinned to the top of the bag
 - a. Some suggestions: Needed electronics, medications, pillow, chargers, cellphone, extra clean clothes

Guidelines for COVID-19 Exposures

Patients with COVID-19 may have these symptoms:



Fever above 100 degrees F and/or chills or feeling hot

Sore throat

New cough unrelated to chronic condition

Runny/stuffy nose/nasal congestion (not related to allergies or relieved by antihistamines)

Difficulty breathing, shortness of breath

Diarrhea with or without respiratory symptoms

Nausea and/or vomiting

Headache unrelated to chronic condition

Fatigue

Muscle aches

Loss of sense of taste or smell

New foot sores (COVID-19 toes)

New rash

If, at any time, you feel sick, experience the above symptoms, experience flu-like symptoms, are concerned you may have COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or related symptoms, please seek advice from Babson Health Services at 781-239-6363

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

Olin College is committed to promoting a safe campus environment for students, faculty, and staff in accordance with current state and local public safety guidelines. Face coverings (see definition below) must be worn at all times: in any shared spaces, in Residence Halls, in all College buildings, as well as on the street and in public spaces. Wearing a face covering does not replace the need to maintain physical distancing and observing safety protocols in shared spaces.

Students are expected to provide their own cloth face coverings, whether made at home or purchased. Students are advised to avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth when removing their face coverings, and wash their hands immediately before and after removal. Face coverings should be changed daily and stored in a clean paper bag when not in use. Disposable face coverings should be discarded daily.

The term face covering is used to include any cloth face covering that meets the following criteria:

1. Fits snugly but comfortably against the sides of the face and covers the nose, mouth, and chin
2. Fastens securely with ties or ear loops
3. Includes multiple layers of fabric
4. Allows for breathing without restriction
5. Can be laundered without damage or change to shape
6. Does not contain holes or exhaust vents

Cloth face covering



How to Wear a Face Covering

Disposable face covering



Olin Community Agreement

Students will be required to sign a copy of this agreement prior to returning to campus for the fall semester. Once contracted for a residential space, students will receive access to sign this document. Only those with completed documents by the deadline will be able to receive card access and room keys.

A personal commitment to protect the health and safety of our community

Olin College of Engineering is relying upon the guidance and direction of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA DPH), and other local, state, and federal health and medical professionals in determining our reopening and return to campus plans. One element of the return to campus plans is for each member of the College community who returns to campus to agree to a set of behaviors that will support keeping themselves, their peers, the faculty and staff, and the community safe. Thank you for your commitment to protecting yourself, the College, and our surrounding local communities.

If at any time after you have voluntarily returned to campus, you feel uncomfortable remaining on campus, please reach out to the Dean of Student Affairs. We will listen and discuss your situation with you and assist you in making a decision about your on-campus status.

Protect Myself | Protect Others | Protect the College and Local Communities

As a member of the Olin community, I AGREE to take active steps to protect the health and safety of every member of our campus and local communities during this global pandemic. Furthermore, I recognize my efforts keep me and those with whom I live with safer and healthier. I AGREE to encourage others to participate with me by reminding them of their responsibility to our greater community.

I AGREE to protect myself, protect others and the Olin College community by doing the following:

1. Protect Myself

I will:

- Take a viral test when I arrive on campus as directed by the College.
- Monitor myself for symptoms of COVID-19 daily and report to Babson Health Services if I experience any COVID-19 symptoms. I will not be penalized for staying home to study or work if I take this responsible action.
- Make Babson Health Services my first point of contact for any symptoms related to COVID-19.
- Take a viral test at Babson Health Services if I am experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, or if I have been contacted and notified that I was in close contact with someone who has tested positive.
- Get a flu vaccine when available during the fall semester.
- Wash my hands with soap and water for at least 30 seconds frequently, especially after being in a public place or after blowing my nose, coughing or sneezing, before touching food, and after using the bathroom.
- Use hand sanitizer at times when soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching my face, mouth, eyes or nose.
- Avoid sharing food, drink, utensils or similar items.
- Minimize touching surfaces in shared areas.
- Carry hand sanitizer and an extra face mask with me anytime I am out of my room
- Avoid crowded rooms, elevators, or other locations where social distancing is difficult.

- NOT host and or attend gatherings and parties where social distancing is not possible.
- Keep track of my activities and limit my social contacts to my household group. This will help protect me and assist with exposure (contact) tracing. Medical professionals and those researching the transmission of the virus recommend limiting contacts to no more than 6-8 people per day.
- Respond to calls or texts from contact tracers to enable tracking of the disease.
- Download and activate any required Olin-approved public health applications.
- Read all college emails in a timely fashion to stay informed about health and safety updates or responses to COVID-19.
- Respond to messages from college staff who may be checking on my well-being or otherwise need my assistance.
- Review information about isolation and quarantine before returning to campus. Assemble a Go-Bag in case I need to be isolated or quarantined and cannot return to my room.

2. Protect Others

I will:

- Wear a face covering when in public, outside the privacy of my own room/home including on public sidewalks, roads, bike paths, parks or other public areas, or as directed by the college or local/state health authorities; face coverings must be worn in all instructional settings (classroom, labs, etc.).
- Maintain appropriate social distancing, especially in classrooms, labs, or in any shared indoor spaces.
- Observe the posted public health modified occupancy limits of shared indoor spaces and follow any signage directing traffic patterns or other social distancing precautions.
- Stay home and contact Babson Health Services if I feel ill or after possible exposure to someone who is ill or who has tested positive for COVID-19 and avoid close contact with others.
- Adhere to daily contact limitations and limits on sizes of group gatherings. Currently Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA DPH) guidelines allow for no more than 10 people (with face coverings). The size of group gatherings will change as the MA DPH guidelines change throughout the fall semester; the college may also limit interactions if a spike in cases occurs on campus.
- Respect social distancing signs, barriers, and protocols intended to assure social distancing between campus community members on campus and in the local community.
- NOT invite guests to accompany me onto campus or into any campus facility.

3.

Protect the College and Local Communities

I will:

- Participate in testing and contact tracing as instructed to preserve community health.
- Follow and adhere to isolation and quarantine instructions if I test positive for COVID-19 or if I am exposed to someone who has tested positive.
- Limit leaving my residence hall to attending in-person classes, tending to necessary college business, work, meal pick up, health care, outdoor activities, and essential errands.
- Limit travel off campus to essential errands including medical visits that cannot be virtual and picking up essential items

- Not have any visitors on campus
- Not travel off campus overnight
- Keep my personal belongings and shared common spaces clean.
- Carefully observe instructional signs and follow directions in both on and off campus locations.
- Serve as an active bystander for the well-being of myself and others by encouraging social distancing and other health guidelines outlined here. I will help others remember their responsibility and remind them to wear face coverings and keep appropriate distance to assure everyone's health and safety.
- Share any concerns regarding compliance with these expectations with the Dean of Student Affairs or another StAR staff member
- Demonstrate social responsibility by following public health during any trips off campus.
- Seek assistance from college staff or resources to support myself or other members of the community during this challenging time.

I understand COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus and it is possible to develop and contract the COVID-19 virus even if I follow all of the safety precautions above and those recommended by the CDC, local, state and federal health and medical professionals. I understand that although the college is following the coronavirus guidelines issued by the CDC, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and other experts to reduce the spread of infection, I can never be completely shielded from all risk of illness caused by COVID-19 or other infections.

I understand that these expectations may change at any time based on recommendations from federal, state, or local officials or due to changes in campus or local conditions.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with this Olin College Agreement above. I further understand that I am subject to the provisions of the honor code and decisions of the administration as they relate to these expectations for my behavior.