

APPENDIX A

COVID-19 Acknowledgment

1. In an effort to minimize the risk of infection and help slow the spread of COVID-19, all persons residing in a residence hall at the University of Mississippi (the “University”) must abide by the COVID-19 terms specified below. The limitations specified in this Acknowledgment are based on what is currently known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19 at the time, as communicated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The University will update its housing policies and may further amend this Acknowledgment, as needed, as additional information and public health recommendations regarding COVID-19 become available.
2. I understand this Acknowledgment outlines expectations specific to COVID-19 and must be completed fully to stay in conference housing at the University for summer 2022.
3. I understand that I must comply with all University policies or protocols related to COVID-19.
4. I acknowledge and agree that, if I exhibit any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, as enumerated by the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>, or if I have been in close contact (i.e., within six (6) feet of someone for more than fifteen (15) minutes who has tested positive for COVID-19) and am not fully vaccinated, it is my responsibility to notify the University’s Department of Student Housing (“Student Housing”) designee and immediately self-isolate or quarantine (as directed). Quarantine and self-isolation mean NO human contact with ANYONE, including family, friends, and especially going out into the public. I understand that if symptoms are mild, this does not mean that the virus cannot be spread to someone else and put others at severe risk.
5. I understand that if I need to self-quarantine or isolate because of COVID-19, I will adhere to our group’s COVID readiness plan and contact the Student Housing designee.
6. I acknowledge and agree that, in the event of a medical emergency, 911 will be called, and the operator will be notified if I may have COVID-19. A face covering should be put on before medical help arrives.
7. I acknowledge and agree that, if I receive a positive test result for COVID-19 while in conference housing, I will report it to the Student Housing designee immediately.
8. I understand that, if I have been exposed to COVID-19 (and are not fully vaccinated), diagnosed COVID-19 positive, or directed to self-quarantine or isolate because of COVID-19, I may be required to vacate Student Housing facilities so as not to jeopardize the health or the health and safety of others. I acknowledge that Student Housing may utilize a short-term holding area for any affected person.
9. I understand that overnight stays in a residence hall could increase my risk of contracting any contagious disease because of the dense populations in the residence halls.
10. I understand that the best way to reduce risk of exposure and minimize the spread of COVID-19 is to follow the public health recommendations issued from the CDC, and therefore I agree to:
 - Wash hands often with soap and water for a least 20 seconds.
 - Use hand sanitizer, with 60-95% alcohol if soap/water is not available.
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid contact with people who are sick.

- Stay home if sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Cover mouth and nose with an elbow or a tissue when coughing sneezing, and immediately dispose of the used tissue.
- Wear face coverings as may be required by the University, the City of Oxford, and/or the State of Mississippi.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in assigned room.

11. I understand that I am participating in a conference that involves an overnight stay in a communal living environment during a global pandemic. The University cannot guarantee that participants will not be exposed to or contract COVID-19 or another communicable disease. It is understood that there are known and unknown risks that could affect the health, safety, and well-being, including but not limited to illness, injury, temporary or permanent impairment, and death of participants. I acknowledge that I knowingly elect to participate in an overnight stay within a residence hall with a full understanding and acceptance of these risks and without any undue pressure or coercion.

12. I understand that this Acknowledgment is intended to protect the health and safety of myself and all conference participants. Any non-compliance with the terms of this Acknowledgment may result in my removal from conference housing. I acknowledge and agree that if I am removed for failing to comply with this Acknowledgment, no housing fees will be adjusted or refunded.

13. I understand that the Department of Student Housing will not offer quarantine and isolation housing to conference participants who are under the age of 18-years old.

14. I acknowledge and agree that if I must vacate Student Housing for COVID related concerns, no housing fees will be adjusted or refunded.

Participant Name (please print)

Date

Participant Signature

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature
(if participant is under 18 years old)

Conference Group Name

Conference Group Dates