



## THE GOVERNOR'S ACADEMY COVID-19 SOCIAL COMPACT

For The Governor's Academy community to be successful we must adopt shared norms and expectations. We can only be successful as a community, and especially in the face of the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, if all members of our community agree to abide by this social compact. This compact is an agreement to a set of expectations for how members of our community will live, work, and learn together. Because COVID-19 infects individuals by spreading across and within close community networks, it is essential that every one of us in the community enter into this shared responsibility with a commitment to act prudently, safely, and accordingly with school and public health directives.

Before the 2020-21 academic year begins, all community members will be required to sign *The Governor's Academy COVID-19 Social Compact* and pledge to adhere to the following standards and protocols. It is not possible for any community to entirely eliminate or prevent COVID-19 or any other illness, and despite the implementation of these standards and protocols, it is still possible that a community or family member can get sick. With those facts acknowledged, the purpose of these standards and protocols is to reduce and mitigate risk and spread with the goals of: 1). Keeping all community members safe and healthy; 2). Keeping the families of all community members safe and healthy; 3). Maintaining the ability to function as an in person school community.

### **The Governor's Academy COVID-19 Social Compact:**

#### MY PLEDGE TO THE GOVERNOR'S ACADEMY COMMUNITY

As a member of the The Governor's Academy community, I know that my decisions, actions, and routine behavior impact not only my well-being, but also the well being of those around me. I know that my behaviors have consequences. I understand that in abiding by the COVID-19 plans set forth by the CDC, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and specifically by The Governor's Academy, I am doing my part to help keep my school, teams, dormitory, family, and community as safe as possible. I understand that the social compact is about health and safety. I acknowledge that this compact operates as a clear and definitive set of expectations, and that any failure to honor this compact will result in my being removed from campus.



I pledge to uphold *The Governor's Academy COVID-19 Social Compact*, to respect and promote the health and safety of others, and to model this behavior in my daily life. I will act intentionally to help our community survive and thrive during the COVID-19 pandemic, and care for my fellow Gova community members.

### **Community Standards and Protocols:**

- Students will honestly complete a COVID-19 self screening prior to entering campus/leaving the dorm each day.
- Students will monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and immediately report any such symptoms to the Health Center. Students will not be penalized for missing in-person classes, athletics, arts, or other activities in the event they need to take this responsible action. We expect students to be fully transparent about their symptoms. Further, students must not discourage other students from disclosing their own symptoms.
- Students will participate willingly and immediately in a wellness check if requested by a faculty or staff member. Students will participate in testing protocols as needed.
- Students will wash their hands frequently, be responsible for laundering their masks, and follow other best practices of hygiene, including any disinfecting protocols requested of them in the classroom and in the dorm.
- Students will wear a face mask or facial covering in all indoor spaces and in outdoor spaces when others may be present.
- Students will follow all prescribed traffic patterns to enter, exit, and travel within buildings.
- Students will follow assigned meal and afternoon program times and end these activities promptly at the designated time.
- On remote learning days, students will only access the campus as explicitly defined and permitted by The Academy.
- Students will not leave campus without explicit permission granted by the Dean of Students Office.
- Students will check in to locations in REACH as requested by The Academy.
- Students will check in at the library or with their POD during free periods.
- Day Students will:
  - be expected to wear a mask while on campus.
  - be required to check in with a POD when arriving on campus.
  - not enter into any residence hall at any time.



- depart campus no later than 6 p.m.
- be expected to honor CDC and MA state guidance, including wearing a mask and maintaining physical distancing whenever possible, when participating in any potential activity or gathering off campus.
- Boarding Students will:
  - be expected to wear a mask while on campus.
  - be required to check in with their dorm POD every morning before leaving the dorm.
  - be expected to wear a mask and physically distance in all shared areas of the dormitory. It is possible that after the second round of testing we may be able to relax physical distancing expectations in the dorms. Should this occur, students will still be expected to wear masks and practice physical distancing when dorm faculty is on duty or in the dorm.
  - not enter any residence halls other than their own.
  - not have guests on campus.

