

## Student Health and Hygiene Policies

### Institute Policies

All Caltech students and visiting students are expected to follow practices and engage in conduct that protects the health and well-being of the entire community. The campus Health and Hygiene policy for students will change regularly in response to the evolving nature of the pandemic and the case activity in our community. Please review this policy on a regular basis to ensure compliance.

Given the Institute's ongoing efforts to safely advance its teaching and research mission, students have the responsibility to understand and follow all current Institute health policies. Students should understand current Institute guidance on COVID-19 prevention, which can be found at [www.together.caltech.edu](http://www.together.caltech.edu).

Students must:

- Participate in the Institute's Surveillance Testing Program by testing twice a week.
- Immediately report COVID-19 symptoms in the [COVID-19 Reporting Application](#).
- Follow all directives from Student Wellness Services, including when and how to isolate or quarantine.
- Comply with building and security protocols, including guidelines about building entry and egress, occupancy, movement through hallways, stairs, and elevators, and access to classrooms, laboratories, offices, and other spaces.
- Adhere to campus requirements for building access, including use of personal Caltech ID cards to enter campus buildings, residences, and research and academic spaces.
- Act in accordance with posted hygiene protocols inside and outside campus facilities.
- Follow the COVID-19 vaccination policy and other Caltech immunization requirements for students.
- Review restrictions on domestic and international travel.
- Adhere to the protocols and requirements for campus events.
- Follow guidelines regarding mask usage. All students should take appropriate precautions when leaving campus to conduct business or obtain services within the community and should follow public health guidelines in all interactions.

### Policies for Students Living in Caltech Residences and Caltech Owned Properties

Student Affairs has established the following policies for students living in Caltech residences. All students living on campus must also familiarize themselves with the current [Resident Guide](#), [Housing Policies](#), [Honor Code Handbook](#), and all posted signage.

- Comply with any occupancy limits in all housing, both graduate and undergraduate; this includes common spaces, Catalina rec rooms, laundry rooms, lounges, kitchens, courtyards, tents, etc.

- Comply with residence protocols regarding mask usage.
- Guests in congregate living are not permitted without expressed permission from Student Affairs.
- Students in non-congregate housing (graduate housing) may only host vaccinated guests, except when guests are children who are too young to be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- All students must comply with the Institute's guidelines regarding social gatherings in the residences and must register and receive approval for events.

### **Food Service**

Caltech Dining Services will serve the campus community in ways that are consistent with campus policies and public health guidelines.

- Students must adhere to posted protocols for meals and food consumption.
- Students must follow all instructions from Dining Services staff.

### **Policy Enforcement**

The primary approach to violations of COVID-19 related campus and residential policies will be educational. Students who mistakenly violate policies and guidelines in ways that put other students and/or the community at risk will be urged to understand more fully the importance of the current policies and guidelines.

However, deliberate, or reckless violations, or repeated carelessness, are not acceptable, and may result in loss of housing, cancellation of enrollment or registration, or involuntary leave. The health and safety of the entire Caltech community depends on the actions of each individual, and students whose actions demonstrate that they do not understand this cannot continue to be members of the campus community. Please see the chart below for possible examples of violations and responses.

<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Examples</b>	<b>Potential Sanctions</b>
<b>One</b>	Mistake: for example, seeing a student without a mask for the first time.	1. Forgetting a mask when it is required.	A mask will be given to you; verbal warning.
<b>Two</b>	First time documentation of behavior/s determined to have or potentially have <b>minimal</b> public health impact on the community	1. Failing to submit timely surveillance testing. 2. Hosting an unvaccinated guest in non-congregate housing.	Written warning.
<b>Three</b>	First time documentation of behavior/s determined to have or potentially have <b>significant</b> public health impact on the community.  Repeated documentation of noncompliant behavior/s following previous documentation of, and response to, Level 1-2 violations.	1. Hosting an unregistered party on campus. 2. Hosting a non-community member guest in congregate residences without permission. 3. Failure to observe mandated exposure or modified quarantine (e.g., class or lab only, no social activities). 4. Refusal to wear a mask when instructed.	Loss of privileges and/or access to campus resources, and notification to coach and/or advisor.
<b>Four</b>	First time documentation of behavior/s determined to have or potentially have <b>grievous</b> public health impact on the community.  Repeated documentation of noncompliant behavior/s following previous documentation of, and response to, Level 1-3 violations.	1. Refusal to participate in campus testing. 2. Failure to remain in full quarantine or isolation when instructed.	Loss of housing and/or other privileges; disciplinary probation.  Repeated severe violations will result in involuntary leave and/or permanent separation.