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STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING COVID-19

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22

Gannon University is committed to promoting an environment that is conducive to learning, living, and engaging in student and employee life on campus. These guiding principles, particularly during the current COVID-19 pandemic, must be balanced with respect and well-being for each individual and the University community as a whole. While recognizing our commitment, no one can guarantee what shape COVID-19 will take, and none of us - including Gannon University - can guarantee a COVID-19 free environment.

The COVID-19 situation is dynamically changing and as such, we continue to learn new things and make adjustments as needed. While we are relaxing restrictions and COVID-19 mitigation efforts, a change in circumstances could dictate we institute new mitigation efforts or readopt previously used ones. Circumstances may dictate special needs, and these may include such things as: adhering to policies with respect to remote or hybrid learning, return-to-university policies and protocol, proper hand washing and hygiene, temperature checks, social distancing, wearing masks or other facial coverings, using other PPE, not reporting to class or work if sick, self-reporting sickness to assist in contact tracing, submitting to COVID-19 testing, and isolating or quarantining when required.

By allowing our Gannon family to make the decision to become vaccinated or not, we must plan for the institution of two sets of COVID-19 mitigation protocol: one for fully vaccinated individuals and one for individuals who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated.

I hereby acknowledge:

1. Gannon students, faculty, and staff must work together to create as safe of an environment as possible. Minimizing risk and protecting everyone's well-being must be a priority of the entire Gannon University family.
2. Gannon students, faculty, staff, visitors, and guests are expected to abide by standards and policies currently in place and as modified in the future, as needed. I understand that it is my duty to keep apprised of these changes in order to protect myself and the university family and community. Further, I agree to participate in any training and/or education related to COVID-19 policies and/or guidelines, as well as COVID-19 mitigation efforts, as required.
3. Gannon will make every effort to keep our students, faculty, and staff apprised of COVID-related updates and changes as they occur. Gannon is committed to communicating our COVID-19 status as it relates to the number of positive cases, isolations and quarantines on campus, as well as the number of Gannon members fully vaccinated. In our combined efforts to facilitate the health, safety and welfare of every member of the Gannon family, I agree it is my part to report: (1) any COVID-19 positive test results to the Gannon Health Center, (2) any suspected positive tests to the Tips section of LiveSafe app, and/or (3) any exposure to a person known or suspected to have COVID-19 to the LiveSafe app. I understand that I am not required to receive a COVID-19 vaccination nor submit my vaccination status. However, if I do not provide proof of being fully vaccinated to update.gannon.edu/vaccinecard, I will be subject to the same required protocols and guidelines set forth for unvaccinated individuals. I understand that by uploading my COVID-19 vaccination card to the Gannon Vaccine Reporting Portal, I am consenting to the sharing of my completed vaccination status with all university departments involved with COVID-19 mitigation efforts. In addition, I agree to submit to COVID-19 testing as may be recommended or required by Gannon University.
4. I agree to be flexible in my working, learning, living, and/or social environment and will put forth my best effort in each. I agree to be helpful and respectful to those who may be struggling during this time and to those who are working to mitigate COVID-19 on campus, as well as facilitate any assistance I can, as appropriate.
5. I understand that none of us - including Gannon University - can guarantee a COVID-19-free environment and by coming onto campus and/or participating in Gannon-related activities, on or off campus, I understand

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and acknowledge that contracting COVID-19 is possible despite the best efforts of the entire Gannon family to minimize the risks. I will do my part, including being responsible for my own behavior and the behavior of any visitors and guests I host on campus.

6. I understand that this is an extremely important matter and we need to remain unified and respect each other as members of the Gannon family. Further, I understand that my actions can directly affect the success of the entire University.

By clicking Accept below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to this Acknowledgement. I also understand and acknowledge that for the safety of the Gannon community, Gannon will enforce compliance with this Acknowledgement and with required safety protocols/procedures and policies regarding COVID-19 (current, future, or changing), and initiate a conduct referral if/when indicated. Lastly, I understand that Gannon will communicate any new or changing policies or guidance to me via official University communication means (i.e., email, Maroon Minute, update.gannon.edu, etc.) and that it is my responsibility to ensure that I remain current in my review of these communications.