

St. John's Law – Fall 2020

Key Health and Safety Guidelines

All of us—faculty, students, administrators, and staff—have a shared responsibility to keep each other healthy. To do that, we all must follow some simple health and safety guidelines.

- 1. Masks:** *Masks must be worn in the Law School building at all times.* Consistent mask wearing is the single most important measure we can take to keep the St. John's Law community safe. The Law School will provide students with an approved cloth mask to supplement your own supply. There is no requirement for a particular type of mask (N95, KN95, single-use surgical, and reusable cloth masks are all fine), but the face covering must be a mask.
- 2. Food and drink in class:** *Because consistent mask wearing is so important, food will not be allowed in classrooms or in the Library.* Beverages will be allowed in class, but we encourage very limited consumption. If faculty or students must drink in class, they should do so either by using a straw under their mask or by removing the mask briefly to take a quick sip and immediately putting the mask back on.
- 3. Distancing and hand washing:** *In addition to wearing masks, we should maintain six feet of distance from each other whenever possible.* This will be a challenge. The social bonds of the St. John's Law family are part of what makes the Law School so special. But for now, the best way to care for each other is to keep our distance. Frequent and diligent handwashing is also an important way to reduce community spread. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed throughout the building.
- 4. Cleaning:** *Sanitizing wipes will be provided in all classrooms for students and faculty to wipe down their areas between classes.* The University will also be conducting thorough cleaning of all classrooms and other common spaces each night.
- 5. Dining:** *Indoor dining remains prohibited in New York City.* The cafeteria and Starbucks will be open, but only for take-away food to be eaten outside. We have installed a large tent outside for this purpose. It is especially important that students maintain social distancing while eating in the tent.
- 6. Access to campus:** *Students must download the St. John's University app and complete the COVID-19 Symptom Screening each day before entering campus.* Public Safety Officers will staff each gate, and community members must show the "Campus Pass" generated by the app to enter campus. It is vitally important that students who are feeling ill or who may have been exposed to COVID-19 not come to campus. Students who are unable to come to campus may participate in their classes remotely, and remote participation in class will not count as an absence.

The scientific understanding of how COVID-19 spreads is continually evolving, and so these health and safety guidelines will evolve as well. For now, though, following these simple measures—*especially consistent mask wearing*—is the surest way to keep the St. John's Law community safe.