

Center for Student Conduct (CSC) COVID- 19 Health & Safety Response

The Center for Student Conduct (CSC) administers the imposition of disciplinary consequences for violations of the [Berkeley Campus Code of Student Conduct](#). Students can be disciplined for failure to comply with the directives of University officials. Failure to comply with directives to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing can therefore be charged as a Code violation. Endangering the health or safety of a member of the University community can also be charged as a Code violation.

To report a case regarding individuals or groups who are not following guidelines to avoid the transmission of COVID-19 please share the information [via our online Incident Report Form](#). Once a report is received, a staff member in the CSC will address the report. When reporting please include the following:

- I. Reporting party's name: This form is an official communication with the University and if requested, the information is accessible to the named student. Anonymous reporting limits the University's ability to follow up and may impact the ability to respond.
- II. Date & Approximate Time
- III. Location
- IV. Student name(s) (please note that our response will be limited when the name of a reported student is unknown to the reporter, or known to the reporter but not disclosed by the reporter)
- V. Short Narrative: Context of concern, number of individuals impacted, any documentary evidence and other information deemed important. Be mindful that making an audio recording of someone without their consent is generally unlawful in California.

*Please note that this is not an immediate response mechanism. Please contact UCPD non-emergency for immediate support at (510) 642-6760.

Student discipline is addressed, consistent with Federal law and UC policy, as a private matter between the University and the student, so people who make reports will generally not be made aware of the outcome of the report.

Students who are failing to comply with social distancing requirements and/or face covering requirements in a non-housing campus building should be promptly excluded from the building by the person who is responsible for managing the building space, whether or not a report is made to CSC. This kind of exclusion is an operational activity, not discipline.

Students who are failing to comply with social distancing and/or face covering requirements during any activity managed by the University should be promptly excluded from the activity,

whether or not a report is made to CSC. This kind of exclusion is an operational activity, not discipline.

The Code generally does not provide for discipline of individual students who violate the law off-campus unless harm results to a member of the University community. Reports that students are not complying with the shelter-in-place order while off-campus should therefore generally be made to the Berkeley Public Health Officer or the Berkeley City Police Department if the reporter desires that enforcement activity or discipline occur.

Under the State of California's Industry Guidance on COVID-19, Student Organizations are prohibited from holding in-person meetings or gatherings. In response to this guidance, **102.28, a Temporary Provision for Misconduct Related to COVID-19** has been added to the Berkeley Campus Code of Student Conduct.

In order to avoid disincentivizing student participation in contact tracing, information reported to CSC that is derived from public health contact tracing (and University Health Center inquiries) will not be used to discipline students unless there is a clear record that a student was aware that the student was contagious with COVID-19 and knowingly intended to infect (or did knowingly and intentionally infect) another member of the University community.