102.28 Temporary Provisions, Misconduct Related to COVID-19

These provisions are intended to apply only during the COVID-19 pandemic. These provisions shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs of the Berkeley campus.

While on campus property, face coverings are optional, indoors or outdoors, for fully vaccinated students. Unvaccinated students are required to wear face coverings at all times while indoors unless the student is alone in a room with the door closed. Face coverings are optional for unvaccinated students when outdoors. Students with an approved medical or religious vaccine exemption are required to wear a face covering while indoors. Students are required to follow the posted guidance at campus events that apply to attendees. Additionally, students must adhere to all COVID-19 related rules and instructions communicated to students in any form, including but not limited to: in writing (which will generally be sent to the email address that the student designated to the campus as the student’s email address), as posted outdoors, as posted at the entrances to and/or within buildings, or as orally directed by a University official.

Notwithstanding the face covering requirement as defined above, individual students residing in campus-operated housing must adhere to all COVID-19 related rules and instructions set forth in the Residential Code of Conduct and Bear Necessities Guide to Residential Living, and as otherwise communicated to students in writing, and as orally directed by residential life staff.

As described below, students who cooperate with public health measures and serious misconduct investigations will not be disciplined pursuant to this provision. The University will not use information obtained through contact tracing to impose discipline pursuant to this provision. The University may decide not to pursue disciplinary sanctions for alleged violations of this provision based upon students’ cooperation with contact tracing. The decision to issue a notice of violation will depend on a number of factors including, but not limited to the seriousness of the incident. An individual who participates as a complainant or witness in an investigation of sexual violence or sexual harassment or other serious misconduct will not be subject to disciplinary sanctions for a violation of this provision at or near the time of the incident, unless the institution determines that the violation was egregious, including, but not limited to, an action that places the health or safety of any other person at risk.