The Paladin Promise – Students

Furman is a special place. You want to be on campus, and we want you here. To make that a reality during the COVID-19 pandemic, each of us has a shared responsibility for the health of our whole community, including students, faculty, staff, and the Greenville community. We call it the Paladin Promise.

Before coming to campus, I promise to:

• Monitor any symptoms of the virus for at least 14 days prior to arrival. Those symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever of 100° or more, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new GI symptoms, and/or loss of taste or smell.

• Seek medical assistance if I experience any such symptoms and immediately notify Furman’s Earle Student Health Center of a positive test for the virus so arrangements can be made.

• Reduce potential exposure by adopting the following behaviors at least 14 days prior to arrival: avoiding large crowds and gatherings, keeping a safe distance from other people (at least 6 feet apart), washing hands often and not knowingly come into contact with a person who has been diagnosed with the virus.

Upon coming to campus, I promise to:

• Follow Furman’s basic health measures to protect myself and others from contracting the virus, including:
  o adhering to Furman-specific social distancing guidelines;
  o wearing face masks as directed;
  o complying with COVID-19 related signage;
  o washing my hands often or using hand sanitizer, especially after sneezing, coughing, or touching high-contact objects like doorknobs, handrails, computer stations, etc.; and
  o monitoring myself for any symptoms of the virus.

• Actively participate in the required training related to Furman’s health measures and stay abreast of changes communicated by Furman as the pandemic situation evolves.

• Minimize visitors not associated with Furman in my residence hall or apartment and mitigate risks while off campus by following good health practices, including social distancing, mask use where appropriate, and hand hygiene.

• If I experience any symptoms, refrain from going to class or participating in any other activities, seek assistance from Furman’s Earle Student Health Center, and follow quarantine and isolation directives until I am diagnosed or cleared by Student Health.

• Get my flu shot absent any vaccination concerns.

• Respect others who may have heightened concerns compared to my own and help hold my friend group accountable to our promise to the community.

I acknowledge my individual effort is critical to a successful 2020-2021 academic year and commit to upholding my promise to fellow Paladins as outlined above when choosing to return and participate in campus life.