Clarkson Commitment (as of 6/26/20)

The University is eager to welcome students back for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. In order to make this a successful experience, all community members must do their part to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. **The ability to open up the University to begin the Fall 2020 semester and minimize disruption of the academic experience during a global pandemic requires dedication from the entire University community.** Having an open and engaged community inherently puts students, faculty, and staff at greater risk of exposure to the virus. **It is critical that we avoid making assumptions about individuals in the community who may be at increased health risk if they contract COVID-19.** These individuals, which includes students, faculty, and staff, will be in the classroom, in residence halls, and all other areas of the community. Therefore, we each must be cognizant of our own actions and how our interactions can enhance the health and safety of others in our community. Indeed, our Clarkson Commitment motivates us to do all that we can to create an environment where everyone is safely able to participate in the wide range of activities available at the University.

I agree to comply with the following terms and conditions for Academic Year 2020-2021.

I commit to protect the Clarkson community by:

- **Always wearing my face covering (e.g. face mask)** any time I am indoors--excluding my assigned residence hall room/suite/apartment--including but not limited to hallways, bathrooms, academic spaces, study/lounge spaces, dining facilities, and fitness facilities, and any time I am outdoors while within six feet of another person.
- **Washing my hands on a regular basis**, especially after using the bathroom, touching common surfaces, and prior to eating/drinking.
- **Checking my temperature** on a regular basis and as directed and attending class virtually if my temperature is above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **Following all cleaning protocols**, including cleaning surfaces after using them.
- **Following social distancing directives**.
- **Following new classroom protocols**, including but not limited to attendance and seating, enacted to maintain occupancy and social distancing.
- **Complying with the event and gathering restrictions** announced by the University and/or local/state/federal authorities, whether now in effect or imposed at a later date.
- Due to ongoing changes in guidance and infection rates, I commit to protect the Clarkson community by **complying with additional COVID-19 related limitations, restrictions, or policies** imposed by the University and/or local/state/federal authorities for the health and safety of our community.
● Immediately self-isolating and contacting Student Health and Counseling should I become sick with a fever, cough and/or possible symptoms of COVID-19. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. After hours, I commit to contacting Urgent Care or the Emergency department at Canton-Potsdam Hospital. If I have difficulty breathing or experience emergency symptoms, I will call 911.

● Following all self-isolation, isolation, or quarantine instructions. I will follow the expectations of these statuses, including not leaving the isolation or quarantine area unless in immediate danger (e.g. fire alarm activation).

● Completing the Student Wellness Plan by Monday, August 10, 2020.

Additional commitments for the Potsdam campuses:

● Abiding by dining facility rules.

● When planning what to bring to campus, students should consider the possibility of being required to vacate campus at any point throughout the semester and/or at the completion of the semester.

● Not traveling domestically (outside of the North Country Region) or internationally during each semester. In the event of an emergency or medical situation, a student must request permission at least three business days in advance, absent emergencies, to travel by completing the Travel Request Form. Students who receive approval to travel are required to follow University directives regarding self-isolation upon their return.
  ○ When planning what to bring to campus, students should consider the possibility of being required to vacate campus at any point throughout the semester and/or at the completion of the semester. While it is not our intention for students to vacate campus, we must remain flexible at all times with unknown circumstances and guidelines from local, state, federal governments.

● Adhering to residence hall closures to everyone except residents of that building and employees acting in their official capacity as employees. Guests are not permitted regardless of their status as a student or not.
  ○ I acknowledge and commit that only individuals assigned to a specific residence hall room will occupy that room at any time. No guests are permitted in any room at any time after the start of the semester. A guest is identified as any individual who is not assigned to a specific room and who is not a campus employee acting in their official capacity as an employee.

In support of helping to maintain the safety of the community and maintaining the ability for students to remain at the University, the University commits to enforcing this Clarkson Commitment and all related directives. Alleged violations of this Clarkson Commitment may be referred to Residence Life and/or the Office of the Dean of Students as possible violations of the Code of Student Conduct. Repeated and/or severe violations may result in my being removed from the residence halls, restricted from Clarkson facilities, suspended, and/or expelled.

Students who are concerned about their ability to adhere to these commitments are welcome and encouraged to continue their studies online.
To promote the safety and wellness of the community, the University anticipates providing many academic and/or support services virtually. The University looks forward to our community operating with some normalcy beginning in August. It is the Clarkson Commitment to have a successful residential fall semester with health, safety, and academics being integral to our community.

Electronic Signature

Date