The purpose of this interim infectious disease policy is to help keep our students, faculty, and staff healthy and to protect the university and the surrounding community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential outbreak among the university community, this policy is being enacted as an interim policy and shall remain effective until further notice by Walla Walla University. As with any pandemic, there are risks associated with participating in Walla Walla University related in-person or on-campus activities. This policy is part of the steps taken by the university to address the pandemic and to help provide a safe learning environment. By choosing to participate in in-person or on-campus activities (such as in-person classes, in-person events, residing in Walla Walla University housing, dining and using common spaces and property) each student voluntarily agrees to assume all risks and responsibilities associated with any possible exposure to any communicable or infectious disease, including but not limited to COVID-19, while attending Walla Walla University.

This policy is based on currently available information from the CDC and local, state and federal guidelines and is subject to change based on further information provided by the CDC or other public officials. Walla Walla University has the right to amend this policy at any time.

University disciplinary proceedings may be instituted against a student charged with conduct that potentially violates the terms of this interim infectious disease policy. Proceedings under the Student Code of Conduct may be carried out at the discretion of the vice president for Student Life or their designee.

Any student’s failure to follow the interim safety measures is subject to the disciplinary sanctions as outlined in Part IV of the Walla Walla University Student Code of Conduct. Any appeals to conduct sanctions or outcomes will be subject to the appeals process as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

1. Facial coverings are to be worn outside of personal living spaces and whenever in a public space, in accordance with state regulations. Public spaces include but are not limited to, hallways, restrooms, showers, common spaces, sidewalks, outdoor activities and classrooms. For the purposes of this policy, a face covering must:
   - Fit snugly against the sides of the face;
   - Completely cover the nose and mouth;
   - Not contain a breathing valve;
   - Be secured with ties, ear loops, elastic bands, or other equally effective method;
   - Include at least one layer of cloth, although multiple layers are strongly recommended;
   - Allow for breathing without restriction; and
   - Be capable of being laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.
2. Maintain social distance of 6ft or more whenever possible.
3. Follow traffic patterns as indicated in buildings and stairwells to assist with social distancing.
4. Follow occupancy and social gathering limits in classrooms, public spaces, and other study areas.
5. Practice good personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette by washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds routinely or, if soap and water are not readily available, using hand
sanitize that contains at least 60% alcohol or using hand sanitizing stations, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or using the inside of the elbow, and disposing used tissues in the trash and washing hands immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

6. Complete daily self-evaluation symptom checking via the safer.me app or approved manual entry each day before arriving on campus.

7. Receive a daily screening card by verifying your symptom report and having your temperature taken, before your first appointment on campus. Report to the closest screening station on campus, receive and complete the daily screening card and display it at all times in the WWU provided lanyard.

8. Participate in contact tracing by downloading the safer.me app and enabling the Bluetooth and GPS settings on your smart phone. Students without a smart phone should contact the COVID-19 response director and follow manual contact tracing methods. Learn more about contact tracing.

9. Support and follow the university closed campus safety protocols. Only students and employees who have the daily screening cards are allowed in campus buildings. Any guests should be referred to the guest check in processes. Allowing entrance of an unauthorized person into a campus building or residence hall will be a violation of this policy.

10. Follow the directives of the COVID-19 response director or their designee. Such as but not limited to quarantine, self-isolation, or to seek medical care. Students who are symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an individual who is symptomatic or has tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine or self-isolate as directed by the COVID-19 response director or designee in compliance with current CDC guidance and Washington state guidance.

11. If the student is ill, develops a fever and/or symptoms of respiratory illness, as listed below, or tests positive for COVID-19, or is exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, the student should not come to campus and should notify their medical provider. Students must also report to the COVID-19 response director by submitting a form at wallawalla.edu/symptom-report.

   - Coughing;
   - Fever or chills;
   - Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing;
   - Fatigue;
   - Muscle or body aches;
   - Headache;
   - Sore throat;
   - Congestion or runny nose;
   - Nausea or vomiting;
   - Diarrhea; and
   - Early symptoms such as chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, and headache.

12. Students who have been quarantined or in isolation must receive authorization to return by the COVID-19 response director or designee before returning to classes and campus activities.