The health and safety of students, faculty, and staff are priorities in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Accordingly, the University has established and implemented public, campus-wide protocols designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 on the campus and to help safeguard vulnerable persons on campus, in the Town of Durham and in the wider community for the 2020-21 academic year. The protocols are available on the University's COVID-19 website and the Dean of Students' website. They provide students unable to comply with the protocols due to documented medical or disability-related circumstances a process to obtain appropriate accommodations.

Failure to comply with the protocols will be a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. The protocols establish a process to be administered by the Office of the Dean of Students in partnership with a student’s academic dean. Consequences for failure to comply will be proportional to the level of risk to the health and safety of the community and include progressive sanctions from educational meetings to directives to continue coursework remotely away from the residential campus learning environment, and communications to a student’s family to protect health and safety.

The protocols may be modified by the University President, consistent with rapidly changing federal and state guidelines or directives.