

University expectations regarding social gatherings

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Dear UWL Students,

The University expects that all students play a critical role in minimizing the spread of COVID-19 within the University community. Therefore, the University asks that all students follow University guidelines on-campus and off-campus, including wearing face masks, washing hands, practicing physical distancing, and minimizing interactions with large groups. Gatherings of any size without masks and 6-foot distancing put students at risk for COVID exposure and may lead to isolation or quarantine of 14 days or longer.

Unfortunately, it has come to the University's attention that students are attending and hosting large gatherings on and off-campus. All students must follow the guidelines stated previously, so everyone has the opportunity to pursue their education on campus. If students are not able to adhere to these guidelines, they will be held accountable for their behavior.

Examples of behaviors that will lead to progressive disciplinary action include, but are not limited to:

- Hosting or attending a party on or off-campus
- Hosting an off-campus guest on campus
- Failing to comply with instructions regarding isolation or quarantine

Large gatherings hosted on campus will be considered the responsibility of **every student living in the room or suite**. Hosting a large social gathering may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include immediate removal and restriction from campus. Students who host social gatherings may also potentially lose the ability to complete their courses due to suspension. *There is no financial refund for a student under these circumstances.* If a student living on campus does not wish to share that responsibility, the student should inform the Office of Residence Life, their hall director or RA of the social gathering.

Large gatherings hosted off-campus will be considered the responsibility of **every student living at that address**. As with on-campus students, students who host a social gathering off-campus may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include immediate restriction from campus. Students who host off-campus social gatherings may also potentially lose the ability to complete their courses due to suspension. *There is no tuition refund for a student under these circumstances.* If a student living off-campus does not wish to share that responsibility, the student should inform University Police at **(608) 789-9000** of the social gathering, or they may contact the Office of Residence Life to inquire about on-campus housing.

Please note that the University has outlined expectations and our response in our [COVID-19 Community Safety & Accountability Policy](#). All students are expected to read and understand these expectations and guidelines.

Let's work together to keep our community safe during these unprecedented times.

Regards,

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