

## COVID-19 Code of Conduct

### **Purpose of the COVID-19 Code of Conduct**

South Texas College of Law Houston (“the law school”) strives to teach students the knowledge, skills, values, and respect for community needed to practice law and prepare them for their responsibilities as future members of the legal profession. This COVID-19 Code of Conduct (“the Code”) reflects the commitment students must make to assist the law school in maintaining a safe environment conducive to learning and critical to achieving high standards of education. This Code presupposes that the law school’s students aspire to join a profession distinguished by honor and integrity and responsibility to community and that their character and conduct should thus reflect these values. This Code is an addendum to the Student Conduct Code.

### **Definitions**

**“Confined spaces” includes classrooms; students will be expected to wear a mask during class.** The atrium, hallways, the open study areas in the library and lounges, and transient spaces generally do not count as a “confined space” – unless they are used for an event such that a significant number of people are gathering together for a period of fifteen minutes or more. Individual offices also generally do not count as “confined spaces” (unless more than five people are present for more than fifteen minutes) – although individual office holders may ask that visitors wear a mask.

**“Mask”** shall mean masks that completely cover an individual’s mouth and nose. Bandanas and neck gaiters are not sufficient.

### **Policy**

Every student entering the law school’s facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic must:

1. Wear a mask (regardless of vaccination status)—
  - During class,
  - In the elevators at all times, and
  - When more than five people are present in a confined space for more than fifteen minutes.
2. Adhere strictly to all law-school health and safety protocols posted at [www.stcl.edu/health](http://www.stcl.edu/health).
3. Follow all health and safety orders and instructions of the administrative authorities and full-time and part-time faculty, including orders to discontinue violations of this Code.
4. Report exposure to the coronavirus via email to [health@stcl.edu](mailto:health@stcl.edu).
5. Report all violations of this Code to either Associate Dean Ted Field or Assistant Dean Gena Singleton.

### **Violations of the COVID-19 Code**

Any student who violates this COVID-19 Code of Conduct violates the South Texas College of Law Houston Student Conduct Code, including the section on “Non-Academic Misconduct.” Each violator is thus subject to the Disciplinary Procedures (Section V) of the Student Conduct Code, including a report of the violation(s) to the Texas Board of Law Examiners.