



## STATEMENT OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY 2022–2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

As Andrews University and the world have effectively responded to the risks of the global COVID-19 pandemic over the last few years, we continue to be reminded that we are living in unique and uncertain times, even as we welcome the changes that widespread vaccination and immunity have brought to our University community and our world.

Moving forward in that new and hopeful environment will mean that we seek to continue to provide an on-campus experience in as full a way as possible. For those who are not vaccinated or have natural immunity through a previous COVID-19 infection, there will still be important steps to consider and take to help best assure the safety of our University community.

For more information, please see the Andrews University [Community Covenant of Care](#).

A few things are certain for this 2022–2023 school year:

- *Andrews University holds as paramount the health, safety and welfare of every member of its community, and we take seriously our responsibility to create an environment where those principles drive our decisions.*
- *Taking steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at Andrews University is a shared responsibility. Every member of our community—including you—must do their part. Whether you're vaccinated or not, it continues to be important to stay home and take a COVID-19 test if you're feeling ill. Physical distancing remains important when you are in crowded situations for extended periods of time. You, or others, may also choose to wear a mask, and it's important that we respect and honor those individual choices.*
- *We will continue to seek to understand and apply national, state and local health guidelines and requirements, as well as adhere to those measures that Andrews University deems safe and appropriate for its campus, especially if the risks of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the new variants of the disease, present any new or increased risks to our community. Where needed, Andrews University reserves the right to impose guidelines that exceed the requirements of the various health agencies.*
- *You agree to support these guidelines not just for yourself but for the safety of others and because this is consistent with Andrews University's shared [Community Covenant of Care](#).*
- *In complete transparency, you understand that if you return to the physical campus of Andrews University, there is a risk you may contract COVID-19, especially if you are not vaccinated or naturally immune. Despite the University's efforts to comply with all COVID-19 mitigation and safety recommendations, we cannot categorically guarantee you will not contract COVID-19. You come to campus acknowledging and understanding this possibility*