

RESIDENT POD AGREEMENT FORM

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Division of
Student Life

POD AGREEMENT FORM

A formally registered pod is a small group of up to 6 students who interact as a 'family' and exercise strict social distancing with those outside their pod.

By signing below, we agree to form a "pod", and that the members of this pod may

- Interact with each other without physical distancing or face coverings in their own rooms or in designated pod lounges (if available in your building)
- Dine together in members' rooms or pod lounges (if available in your building)



In keeping with MIT's policies, we agree to maintain a 6-foot physical distance from any individuals not in this formally registered pod, and to wear face coverings when interacting with others and when physical distance cannot be maintained. We agree to wear face coverings in all residential spaces other than those where permission to go without a face covering has been explicitly given (for example, student rooms and pod lounges). We agree to continue to practice recommended hand hygiene and avoid sharing utensils and drinks with anyone, including the members of the pod.

We understand that by forming this pod, we share a responsibility for each other's safety, along with the safety of our greater community, and we agree to hold ourselves and each other accountable to this agreement. If someone within our pod is behaving in a manner that is not in line with this agreement, we agree to discuss this with them and reaffirm the pod's commitment to this agreement. We are aware that we can reach out to our House Team for additional support and mediation, along with assistance if we ever feel unsafe due to our pod members' actions. We also agree that we will reach out to house team members if there are repeated issues, in order to get the necessary support.

We further agree that we will fully cooperate with all contact tracing, potential self-quarantining, and other expectations from MIT Medical if one member of the group tests positive for Covid-19. We agree to comply if medical recommendations change such that the policies concerning pods must also change.

In the event that a member of the pod tests positive for Covid-19, we agree that we will self-quarantine individually in our assigned rooms, wait for further instructions from MIT, and adhere to the guidelines

linked in this agreement below. This is regardless of the time period of an individual's last interaction with other pod members.

We agree to abide by the following additional expectations that we have developed (space is provided below to write these down), if any. These may not remove or loosen any of the restrictions set out above but can expand upon them. Examples may include plans for resolving interpersonal conflict or policies on visiting people or places that are off campus.

We agree that while in our pod lounge, we will adhere to an unlocked and propped door and no-guest policy. This means no member outside of the pod can use the space at any time. These spaces do not include an individual's private quarters.

We agree that any one of us may remove ourselves at any time from this agreement by contacting our Area Director and asking to remove our signature. By doing so we agree to no longer interact with the other members of this group without maintaining physical distance and wearing a face covering, to not enter into the pod lounge, and to not engage in any behavior with them that is allowed only within a pod.

We agree that at the time of entering into this agreement, we have each either

- o not previously formed part of another pod, or
- o received two negative Covid-19 tests that are 7 days apart and/or waited 14 days and followed all physical distancing and face covering guidelines in interactions with any individuals since leaving another pod.

We agree that we have reviewed the following material for the safety of the community and would be ready to answer basic health questions from them:

- o [Social Distancing, Self-monitoring, and Self-quarantine: A How-to Guide](#)
- o [FAQ: COVID-19](#)
- o [COVID-19 Student Policies](#)

We understand that the pod will only be formally recognized after a meeting with a designated member or members of the house team, in which this agreement, including any additional clauses, is agreed upon by all pod members. After the pod is formalized and pending space availability, the pod may receive their pod lounge assignment.

Additional agreements that pod members have discussed:

We will be wearing masks and social distancing anywhere outside our pod or our rooms. We will let our pod-mates know if we are feeling sick, contact MIT medical and quarantine ourselves.



Group member signatures (Each member personally typing their name is sufficient)

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X

The members of this pod met with (house team member(s)'s names) on (date) at (time).

As the Area Director of this residence hall, I certify that the above students are all residents of _____ (hall) and have not identified themselves to be members of any of other pods.

Area Director signature:

X _____

House Team Contact Information

Find contact information and view the profiles of your house on the [Guide to Residences website](#).





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