

RESIDENT POD AGREEMENT FORM

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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. All members of a pod must live in the same residence hall, and if any residents live in double-occupancy rooms, both residents must be members of the same pod.

By signing below, we agree to form a "pod", and agree 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 at all times when in public spaces (i.e., anywhere except pod members' 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 participating in MIT's testing protocol does not exempt us from strict pod policy adherence. We also understand that being in a pod does not exempt us from strict adherence to other MIT policies (for example, elevator capacity limits and social distancing in public areas like dining halls). MIT policy prohibits mingling between pods. MIT policy also prohibits any in-person socialization with non-pod members without physical distancing, face coverings, and observance of capacity limits.

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 directives from MIT Medical, including contact tracing, self-quarantining, and isolation as necessary. We understand that should medical recommendations change in light of new developments, pod policies may also be adjusted, and we agree to adhere to any such changes.

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 (if applicable), we will adhere to a no-guest policy, as well as any other building-specific space use policies. 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.

Graduate Tower at Site 4 Undergraduate Residents Only: We acknowledge that by choosing to form a pod, we are opting out of the *graduate housing guest policy*. We understand that the only guests allowed in our assigned rooms are members of this pod, and we understand that while in this pod, we are not permitted to invite any outside guests into the building.

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

- not previously formed part of another pod; OR
- 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 a pod lounge assignment.

Additional agreements that pod members have discussed: [enter here if applicable]



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

X _____

X _____

X _____

X _____

X _____

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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