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## COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY

Commonwealth University - Mansfield is a "dry campus," which means that all Mansfield students are restricted from possessing and/or consuming alcoholic beverages on campus; however, **if you are 21 years of age or older and residing and/or visiting the 4th Floor of Sycamore Hall, you are permitted to possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages in private suites.**

Alcohol beverages are defined as a drink that typically contains 3% - 40% alcohol (ethanol). Alcoholic beverages are divided into three classes: beers, wines, and spirits (distilled beverages).

The following policy has been established in recognition of, and in coordination with, Pennsylvania State law and Commonwealth University's policy on alcoholic beverages.

Alcoholic beverages can be possessed and/or consumed on the 4th Floor of Sycamore Hall under the following guidelines:

1. Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed and/or consumed in a public area of the residence hall (without appropriate approval). All areas in the residence hall, except for private suites, are considered public areas (including lounge areas and community kitchens). Only those of legal drinking age (21 years of age and older) may transport closed alcoholic beverage containers.
  - a. Students and/or staff members wishing to consume alcohol in a public space must have the event approved through the Office of Housing and Residence Life.
2. In areas where alcoholic beverages are permitted, it is reasonable to assume that for every open container of alcohol there should be an equal number of consumers who are 21 years of age or older.
  - a. An open container is defined as one not (or no longer) securely capped, corked or sealed, and contains any amount of the beverage. This is not to be confused with empty containers.
3. In student suites where any occupant is under 21 years of age, alcoholic beverages will be prohibited.
4. Activities and devices facilitating or promoting excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages, including but not limited to: drinking games, funnels, beer bong, common-source containers (kegs, pony kegs, party balls, etc.), are prohibited.
5. Distilling, fermenting or brewing beer or other spirits is not permitted in the residence hall.
6. This policy is intended to allow for personal, responsible use; therefore, the possession of large quantities of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
7. Inappropriate behaviors (damage to University property, failure to comply with staff, etc.) resulting from consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
8. Providing alcoholic beverages to individuals under 21 years of age is prohibited and violators will be referred to Campus Police. Serious sanctions and fines could result from a violation of this policy.

Reported violations of this policy will result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct. Students found responsible for violating this policy may face possible sanctions including educational assignments, conduct probation, loss of privilege and possible removal from the community or housing altogether, and/or charges initiated by Campus Police.

Aside from the above exceptions, the Commonwealth University Code of Conduct and the Commonwealth University – Mansfield Guide to Campus Living are still upheld and you are required to comply.