

COVID-19 and Public Health Expectations

There is currently no vaccine to protect against contracting COVID-19 and you plan to live on campus in a residential community where you are subject to other public health risks. In order for this community to succeed, the people living and working in the community must have a sense of ownership and take care of each other and the community environment.

The best way to protect yourself and the community from infection is to avoid being exposed. You can reduce your risk by taking the following measures:

- Wear a face covering to protect yourself and others.
- Maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet between yourself and others when outside your living unit.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer and surface wipes liberally.
- Clean and sanitize my personal and shared living spaces regularly (Daily/Weekly).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick. Stay home while you are sick.

Housing and Residence Life (HRL) currently anticipates adding the following expectations to the Resident Handbook to support a healthy and successful residential community. This information will be updated throughout the summer so check back often for updates.

- Residents are required to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations and health and safety guidance adopted by the University or HRL as it relates to public health crises, including COVID-19. This guidance will evolve as the public health crisis evolves and may include, but is not limited to social distancing, limitations on mass gatherings, wearing a face covering, COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing (including before and upon arrival to campus), contact tracing, disinfection protocols, limitations on guests into housing and quarantine / isolation requirements (including before or upon arrival to campus).
- Social distancing is important to preventing the spread of COVID-19 and each member of the housing community has a responsibility to protect themselves, roommates, neighbors, classmates, faculty, staff and the greater community with whom all these individuals interact.
- Individuals may have and/or spread the COVID-19 virus without knowing. Residents are expected to wear a face covering whenever outside their assigned suite and if a staff member needs to enter the unit while the resident is present. HRL staff members will also be wearing masks in these situations.
- Residents should monitor health daily and contact a medical provider within one (1) business day and quarantine within their bedroom if experiencing fever and respiratory symptoms (such as coughing or difficulty breathing) OR have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Quarantine means NO human contact with ANYONE including roommates, friends, family and especially going into the public.
 - Call Student Health Services Nurse telephone triage line at 210-458-4142, menu option 3 Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. to receive instructions before visiting Student Health Services.
 - For immediate medical care after-hours, call a local urgent care clinic or other provider. For all medical emergencies, call UTSA Police at 210-458-4911.
- Residents must notify HRL if experiencing symptoms, have been in close contact or been diagnosed with COVID-19.

- Visitation is suspended as long as social distancing measures remain in effect and no visitors are allowed in my unit.
- HRL may find it necessary to take specific actions to protect the public health of residents including decreased access to community public areas, entrance/egress points, stairway access and travel, lounges, neighborhood centers and other common areas.
- Residents are expected adhere to entrance, exit, travel and spacing guidance designed to minimize contact in areas where social distancing may be difficult. I will not use designated 'closed' stairways or exits, except in case of emergency.
- Information will be communicated via email and HRL's COVID-19 webpage.
- Residents may be required to relocate to another location to self-isolate in the event of a positive test for COVID-19 and unable to utilize their evacuation location during the self-isolation period.
- Residents are expected to have an evacuation strategy in place should they need to isolate due to a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, university housing or the university closes. My exit plan is below and includes at least one location with contact information where I can evacuate if necessary.

○ **Location 1**

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Address _____

○ **Location 2**

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Address _____

- There is a certain level of risk involved with living in a community and residents must accept responsibility for this decision. The University and HRL are not liable for a resident's personal health.
- Residents understand that failure to comply with housing policies or with policy changes may have their contract terminated, and in that case, the termination would be considered a cancellation, and all normal terms and conditions would apply for such as cancellation.

Resident Signature _____ **Date** _____