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Residential Education COVID-19 Policy Expectations: All UHDS Contract Holders

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Please note that these expectations may change in accordance with University, local, state and federal requirements and guidelines for health and safety. You can find the latest COVID-19-related policy information at https://covid.oregonstate.edu/safety-policies. Please bookmark this page and visit it periodically.

1. Residents and visitors must wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth at all times in common or shared spaces, including hallways, laundry rooms, dining centers, lobbies, lounges, kitchens, and bathrooms. Residents can remove face coverings when in the bathrooms if showering, brushing teeth, or other personal hygiene activities that require their face covering to be removed, and in their rooms as long as no other non-roommate/non-suitemate residents or visitors are present. See the Oregon State University Face Covering Policy, here.

2. Residents must physically distance by maintaining at least 6 feet/2 meters between themselves and others. See Oregon State University Physical Distancing Policy, here.

3. Residents may not exceed the posted maximum occupancy of common spaces. No more than two people may be in the elevator at any one time. Residents must follow directional signage in stairwells when indicated, except in the case of a building alarm, in which instance the resident should use the closest stairwell to exit the building as quickly and safely as possible.

4. In the residence halls, residents may not have guests above the first floor common area after the resident’s assigned move-in day. Residents may only host visitors in their rooms if all of the following conditions are met:
   a. Only those residents of the same building may be hosted in a residence hall room. Other than while assisting a resident during their assigned move-in day, visitors or guests who are not contracted to the building are not permitted at any time above the first floor common area.
   b. A resident must obtain permission from their roommate/suitemates to host a guest in their room/suite.
   c. Only two guests maximum are allowed in a residence hall room for a total of 4 people. Only one guest per bedroom is allowed in any suite, for a total of 6 guests maximum in Tebeau Hall suites, and 8 guests maximum in Halsell Hall suites.
   d. When guests are present in a residence hall room or suite, all occupants should wear a face
covering and maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet/2 meters.

5. In the residence halls, guests who do not live in the same residence hall may be hosted by residents in first floor common spaces, as long as all of the provisions of the COVID-19 Expectations and the Visitors and Guests policy sections of this Policy Guide are followed.

6. Residents may not host or attend social get-togethers of larger than 10 people at any location within Oregon, including UHDS common spaces. Residents should not participate in get-togethers or gatherings of larger than 10 people in Oregon, on or off campus, or get-togethers or gatherings of any size where individuals are not wearing face coverings or practicing physical distancing. Certain exceptions are possible for civic, faith-based, and charitable purposes. Review University Physical Distancing Policy for additional information.

7. Residents should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms every morning before leaving their residence hall room or apartment. Residents showing symptoms of COVID-19 are expected to get a COVID-19 test promptly through their primary care provider or Student Health Services (SHS). Residents should not go in person to SHS, but rather should contact SHS via phone at 541-737-9355 for further direction about how to get tested. If a resident is showing COVID-19 symptoms, has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they will be required to isolate until 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and they are 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. Residents may return to their home location, or if they choose to stay on campus and live in a residence hall, they will be required to temporarily move into a designated isolation space with UHDS. Orchard Court residents may isolate in their apartment unit.

8. For the safety of the entire University community, residents are encouraged to disclose a positive COVID-19 diagnosis; they can do so here by contacting their designated Point of Contact (POC). Residents are expected to follow the directives of the Oregon Health Authority and campus officials in the event they have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. Failure to do so may be considered a violation of the Code of Student Conduct policy related to 4.3.22 Health and Safety, 4.3.5 Disruptive or Disorderly Conduct, 4.3.6 Harm or Endangerment to Persons, 4.3.12 Failure to Comply, 4.3.23 Other University Policies, and/or 4.3.24 Unlawful Behavior.

9. Residents are expected to follow all additional health and safety requirements set forth by the University and applicable health authorities regarding testing, self-quarantining, isolation, and contact tracing. Residents are expected to cooperate with contact tracers and university officials in a timely manner when contacted, including retesting for COVID-19 should environmental factors suggest the virus’s presence in the community or its wastewater. Failure to follow any University or health authority directives in a timely manner may be considered a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Residents can be best prepared to support the efforts of contact tracers by maintaining a daily activity log of where they have gone, what times they were at specific locations, who they have interacted with, and how many people were present at their location.

Violations of these expectations may result in a disciplinary process; egregious violations may lead to cancellation of a resident’s housing contract. Please help support our communities’ safety by being diligent about monitoring your own health and activity, and by holding each other accountable to these expectations.