

University of Louisville-Campus Housing  
Covid-19/Infectious Diseases Policies and Procedures

*\*This document serves as an addendum to the 2020-2021 License Agreement\**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a variety of obstacles for the UofL community and communities across the world. As we continue adapting to this evolving situation, UofL Campus Housing seeks to provide support to its residents and maintain transparency. With plans to continue our mission of promoting safe, convenient, inclusive, and healthy living, Campus Housing is implementing a variety of measures to ensure the wellbeing of residents, guests, and staff members.

### **Applicability**

The guidelines contained in this and any future public health-based documents are applicable to all Campus Housing student residents (and their guests where applicable), as well as Campus Housing staff.

This document is intended to serve as Campus Housing's policy and procedure for minimizing the potential for spread of COVID-19, and any other infectious disease, within the residential community.

To view the current License Agreement and Housing policies, please visit [UofL Campus Housing Policies](#).

### **Campus Housing Measures for the Prevention of Infectious Disease**

#### **1. Cleaning and Sanitizing**

- A. Common areas such as community bathrooms, kitchen locations, and meeting spaces will be cleaned/sanitized three times throughout the day, during operating hours, by the professional housekeeping team. Additional cleaning will be available upon request. Students are encouraged to convey additional cleaning requests to the Hall Director or housing staff in the building.
- B. Cleaning supplies will be available for checkout at the front desk of each residential facility. Student residents are expected to utilize these supplies to sanitize common spaces when in use, and upon leaving the common area. Hand sanitizer stations will be posted in each building for easy access and will be replenished as needed.

#### **2. Visitation**

- A. Guest(s) information will be collected if contact tracing is required. Personal information including first and last names, cell/home numbers, building location, check in and check out times will be collected. Residents will still need to accompany their guests when entering and exiting the residential facilities.
- B. If a resident is visiting another resident in a different residential facility, the current housing visitation policy will remain in effect. Only one visitor per resident will be allowed to enter the halls outside of drop-and-go, moving in, and moving out. Please see the [UofL Residence Hall Policies](#) for more information.

#### **3. Limited Use of Community Spaces**

- A. Lockable community spaces such as study lounges and meeting rooms are available for use by reservation during limited hours, between 8 AM to 12 AM, 7 days a week. The areas will be

locked outside of these hours to reduce unregulated usage and usage between cleaning gaps by the professional housekeeping team.

- B. Furniture in community spaces will be removed or reorganized to comply with physical distancing and public gathering restrictions.

#### **4. Physical Distancing/Masks**

- A. Staff are strongly encouraged to practice physical distancing and wear masks in all public areas. Staff will adhere to additional efforts in washing their hands before and after rendering services, in accordance with state and federal guidance.
- B. Plastic barriers will be installed at all front desks in residential halls to reduce direct contact between housing staff and residents seeking assistance during face-to-face communication. Residents can use other avenues of communication (e.g. front desk numbers and email) to seek assistance.
- C. Additional physical distancing support including floor markings, furniture arrangement, room density management, and technological solutions will be in place to address one-way traffic flow in and throughout buildings and stairways.

#### **5. Relocation**

- A. Campus Housing reserves the right to relocate a resident in the event of an emergency or safety concern. More specifically, if a resident has known exposure to, is presumed positive, or tests positive for COVID-19 while residing in a Campus Housing facility, the resident may be required to relocate to a different space where self-isolation is practicable. Please see Section 18: Consolidation/Relocation in the [2020-2021 Campus Housing License Agreement](#) for more information on relocation procedures. Relocation to an off-campus facility is possible as well.

### **Student Responsibilities & Risks**

#### **1. Healthy Living**

- A. Residents are instructed to continue following federal, state, and UofL guidance for reducing the risk of exposure and/or illness. Practices for reducing such risk include, but are not limited to:
  - 1) staying isolated when sick,
  - 2) wearing a mask/face covering,
  - 3) maintaining proper physical distancing,
  - 4) appropriately covering coughs and sneezes,
  - 5) frequently cleaning touched surfaces,
  - 6) avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth,
  - 7) avoiding contact with others who are sick, and
  - 8) washing hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- B. In accordance with public health guidance, residents are required to wear a face mask/covering in all public spaces in the residence halls. The University will be providing all students [one washable mask](#), but residents are encouraged to bring additional masks/coverings from home.

#### **2. Physical Distancing**

- A. Residents are highly encouraged to comply with CDC physical distancing guidelines and the University procedures by:
  - a. staying at least six feet apart,

- b. not gathering in groups of more than 50 people, depending on the amount of space allotted and
  - c. avoiding crowded areas where physical distancing is impractical.
- B. Residents should be cautious of all close-proximity areas and maintain physical distancing while utilizing elevators, kitchens, computer labs, study, meeting, conference, and game rooms, along with other gathering areas. Signage will be posted in specific areas conveying the maximum number of individuals allowed in each space.

### **3. Living Units**

- A. Roommates and suitemates will be treated as family units for the purpose of contact tracing and isolation. If an individual is exposed to or contracts COVID-19, all individuals within a unit will be required to follow the isolation procedures listed under Section 3-Isolation.

### **4. Isolation**

- A. Residents who experience any symptoms possibly related to COVID-19 need to report to the Student Health Center or their preferred healthcare provider immediately for evaluation and/or testing. Residents are encouraged to notify their resident assistant as well via phone, text message, and emails. These symptoms, according to the CDC, include: (i) fever of 100.4 or higher, (ii) cough, (iii) shortness of breath, (iv) loss of sense of smell or taste, (v) persistent pain or pressure in the chest, (vi) new confusion, (vii) inability to wake or stay awake, (viii) bluish lips or face, (ix) fatigue, (x) nausea or vomiting, and (xi) diarrhea. Residents who test positive are encouraged to go home, if possible. If it is not possible for a resident to return home to recover, the resident will be housed in an isolation area. The resident will be safe to return to public settings after 10 days since the symptoms appeared and 3 days of being fever-free while showing symptoms of improvement.
- B. Because roommates and suitemates are treated as family units, individuals who share a space with a person that tested positive will be required to self-isolate or may be encouraged to go home, if possible.
- C. Residents required to self-isolate will be prohibited from having visitors, using laundry rooms, community spaces, public bathrooms, and any areas outside of their designated self-isolation area. Campus Housing will arrange for delivery of meals, and organizing laundry (if applicable), with isolated individuals.

### **5. Force Majeure**

- A. The University shall not be liable or responsible for any delay or failure hereunder, including without limitation making housing and utilities available if such delays or failures are the result of any happenings or events which could not reasonably be avoided, including without limitation, acts of nature, fire, flood, natural disaster, health and/or safety emergency, epidemic, loss of electricity or power, riots, war, or terrorist attack (or threat thereof).

### **6. Acknowledgement**

- A. Residents acknowledge that living on campus comes with inherent risks that cannot be completely eliminated, regardless of the care exercised by the parties. These risks include, but are not limited to, a heightened risk of exposure to or contraction of contagious illnesses due to population density within residence halls.

### **7. Termination**

- A. Failure to comply with federal, state, local, and/or UofL public health directives will lead to suspension, and possibly termination of the License Agreement. Terminations for failure to comply do not entitle a resident to any refunds. Violations of the public health directives could also result in charges of violating the Code of Student Conduct. Please see Section 7: Cancellations in the [2020-2021 Campus Housing License Agreement](#) for more information on termination procedures.

By electronically signing this addendum and the associated 2020-2021 License Agreement, you agree to and accept all terms and conditions contained therein. The License Agreement, this addendum, and Campus Housing policies and procedures may be subject to change depending on governmental regulations, public health guidance, and the direction of University Leadership. Students will be promptly notified of any such changes and will be held responsible for any noncompliance.

If you have any questions about Campus Housing please contact us at 502.852.6636 or [housing@louisville.edu](mailto:housing@louisville.edu). We are excited to welcome you to campus in the fall and are developing engaging experiences for you and your fellow students. Students that live on campus have greater academic success, have community bonding experiences, and can develop a sense of belonging with others.