

## COVID-19 Housing Contract Addendum

This addendum is made part of the University of Richmond Student Housing Contract for the 2020-2021 academic year.

It is the expectation of the University of Richmond that all members of our community will act in the best interests of the community and of public health during this period of uncertainty. Consequently, there are several new requirements, responsibilities, and policies for every student living on-campus. These responsibilities are outlined below and are subject to change from time to time as determined by the University and informed by CDC and Virginia Department of Health guidance.

All sections of this document are considered formal requirements and part of the Housing Contract and the Residence Life and Housing policies for the 2020-2021 academic year. A violation of these requirements will be a violation of your Housing Contract, adjudicated through the Standards of Student Conduct and may result in immediate removal from University Housing, or other sanctions including, but not limited to suspension from the University.

Please read this information thoroughly as each residential student must acknowledge your review and understanding of this information, as well as indicate your willingness to abide by the requirements, responsibilities, and policies.

If you believe you cannot meet or comply with these requirements, responsibilities, or policies contact Residence Life and Housing at 804-289-8930 to discuss your departure from campus housing.

### **Pre-Arrival Health Monitoring:**

All students must monitor their temperature and symptoms for at least 14 days prior to arrival on campus using a form or app designated by the Student Health Center. Any student who has symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to come to campus until they meet the following criteria:

- No fever, defined as less than 100 degrees F, for at least 3 days (that is 72 hours of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers, such as Tylenol, Motrin, aspirin, ibuprofen, paracetamol, etc.), AND
- Other respiratory symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath), AND
- At least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared or two negative COVID-19 PCR viral tests done at least 24 hours apart.

### **Move-In:**

In order to maintain appropriate physical distancing within our residential area, as well as decrease congestion to the move-in process and initial diagnostic COVID-19 testing, the University of Richmond has staggered move-in for new and returning students.

Students will select a move-in timeslot and permitted to bring no more than two additional assisting persons with them to assist them in the move in process. All students and assisting persons will be required to wear a face covering for the duration of the move-in process.

New student move-in, entering first-years and transfers, will move in between Friday, August 14 and Sunday, August 16. Returning student will be able to move-in between Wednesday, August 19 and Friday, August, 21.

**Testing:**

All students will be required to be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival to campus. If a student is tested within 72-hours of their assigned move-in timeslot they may present the test result to the University at move-in. Determination of acceptance of results will be determined by the University in conjunction with the University's COVID-19 test administrators.

**Physical Distancing:**

Physical distancing must be practiced at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, in student room, lounge spaces, bathrooms, laundry rooms, and lobby areas. All rooms will be set and furniture arranged prior to student move-in. Students are not permitted to re-arrange their furniture under any circumstances until permitted to do in accordance with the University's [Physical Distancing Framework](#). Students must comply with all posted signs in lounges and common areas to support and follow physical distancing guidelines.

**Hand Washing and Hygiene Practices:**

All students are required to comply with public health guidelines in regards to hygiene-related best practices – including hand washing.

Facilities staff will perform enhanced cleaning of common areas, bathrooms, and hallways. Students living on campus who create unhygienic situations, who are non-compliant with public health guidelines, or choose not to clean for themselves will be contacted by Residence Life and Housing and may be removed from on-campus housing.

Students should follow handwashing [tips from the CDC](#) on how to protect yourself from COVID-19.

**Face Coverings:**

All students and family members/persons assisting student for move-in will be required to wear a face covering when moving throughout the residence halls, common areas, lounges and restrooms in accordance with the University's [Physical Distancing Framework](#). While awaiting results from the initial COVID-19 testing conducted upon arrival, students will be required to wear a face covering while in all double rooms.

**Building and Card Access:**

Following the [Physical Distancing Framework](#), card access will be limited for on-campus students as follows:

- Red and Orange: Students will be restricted to only accessing their own residential building.
- Yellow: Students will be permitted to access other residential areas on campus during limited hours to be determined.
- Green: Building and card access will resume to normal access.

Additionally, designated entry and exit doors, and directional stairwells will be identified in each residence hall. Students must comply with posted directional guidance. Elevator use will be limited to a single person unless guidelines are adjusted.

**Guests:**

Following the [Physical Distancing Framework](#), guests will be limited for on-campus students as follows:

- Red and Orange: No on or off campus visitors, including family members, will be permitted in residence.
- Yellow: On and off campus visitors will be permitted, but no off campus visitors may stay overnight.
- Green: Normal visitation policy resumes.

On-campus students are responsible for the behavior of their guests. Hosts should make sure their visitors/guests are knowledgeable of applicable university policies. Should a guest violate the requirements and responsibilities included in this document, they may be required to immediately vacate the on-campus facility. Resident hosts will be held accountable for their visitor's/guest's behavior through the Standards of Student Conduct.

**Limitation/Prohibition of Items Permitted to Bring:**

In addition to these [prohibited items](#), Residence Life and Housing will not permit students to bring the following items to campus to have in their residence hall room to maximize physical distancing:

- Furniture of any kind including, but not limited to: sofas, futons, chairs, desk chairs, folding chairs, tables of any kind, bean bags, plastic/stackable drawers, shelves
- Trunks or large storage containers or bins must be kept under the bed at all times
- Fans

Students choosing to work with Dorms Direct to rent items for their rooms will be limited in what they can rent. Only lofts, micro-fridges, headboards, side rails, TVs, and safes will be permitted to be rented and placed in a room.

**Daily Health Monitoring**

All students must bring a thermometer to campus. All students must monitor their temperature and symptoms every morning prior to leaving their residence hall room using a form or app designated by the student health center. Students who have a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19, should contact the Student Health Center either by phone at 804-289-8064 or through the [online scheduling system](#). Students are not permitted to attend class until cleared by the Student Health Center. Do not go to the Student Health Center without calling first.

**Illness, Quarantine, and Isolation:**

If you believe you are ill, you are required to contact the Student Health Center immediately by telephone at 804-289-8064. Do not go to the Student Health Center without calling first. If you are experiencing a medical emergency contact 804-289-8911.

After evaluation, Student Health Center will provide you with further instructions. In some cases, Student Health Center or another medical professional may deem it necessary for a student to be placed in quarantine or isolation housing. You are required to follow these instructions for your own health and safety as well as that of the larger community.

If quarantine or isolation housing is recommended, the University reserves the right to move a student from their assigned residential space into a space deemed appropriate. The period of quarantine or isolation period will be determined on a case-by-case basis by medical professionals.

**Moving Out:**

Student must abide by the published move-out schedule for vacating your assignment. Requests for Winter Break stay will be limited as service and meal plan access may be limited or unavailable during academic breaks.

If student withdraws or enrollment is terminated during the academic year by the University, the student must vacate your assignment, and return the keys (if applicable) within 48 hours, or as determined by University.

**Termination of Contract:**

Upon reasonable notice, Residence Life and Housing reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID. In the event Residence Life and Housing terminates housing contracts due to public health concerns, the University expects to provide pro-rata housing refunds.