

Student Housing and Residential Life

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting all aspects of campus life, including university housing. As you move in and prepare for your on campus living experience, we want to make sure you are aware of basic COVID-19 preventive information, as well as the procedures the university has put in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and to respond in the event a community member develops COVID-19 related symptoms, is diagnosed with or tests positive for COVID-19, or has close contact with someone who has COVID-19. Because your safety and the safety of our residential community is our top priority, all residents moving into SHRL Managed Communities must acknowledge their understanding of this information and agreement to follow the procedures and guidelines set out below. Your acknowledgement will be stored in the housing database system, Mercury.

COVID-19 Information:

According to the CDC, there is currently no vaccine to protect against contracting COVID-19. There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of your exposure to the virus. First, you should be familiar with the common symptoms associated with COVID-19. More information can be found [here](#).

You can reduce your risk by taking the same measures as you would to prevent infection for the flu and common cold:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer, with 60 - 95% alcohol, if soap/water is not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay or return home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others
- Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Wear a face mask anytime you are outside the confines of your room, suite, or apartment

Prevention

- I acknowledge and understand that social distancing (keeping a distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others) is important in reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission. I further understand and acknowledge that social distancing helps to protect myself, roommate(s), neighbors, classmates, faculty/staff, and the larger community with whom I may interact.
- I acknowledge and understand that the University of Houston requires face coverings for all students and employees while on campus until further notice. More information can be found [here](#). I also acknowledge and understand I must complete a daily assessment of my health/exposure and can find more information [here](#).
- I acknowledge and understand that if I exhibit any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, receive a positive test or diagnosis of COVID-19 as detailed on the <https://uh.edu/covid-19/> website, it is

my responsibility to notify my Residential Desk or my Residential Advisor and complete the form for [Reporting COVID-19 Diagnosis/Symptoms](#).

- I acknowledge and understand if I have been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 mins or more) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 as detailed on the <https://uh.edu/covid-19/> website, it is my responsibility to notify my Residential Advisor and complete the form for [Reporting Potential COVID-19 Exposure](#).

UH and SHRL Resources and Protocols

- I acknowledge and understand the University of Houston and Student Housing and Residential Life have established and maintain COVID-19 websites. These sites provide information and resources regarding COVID-19 for all students and residents. These sites are: <https://uh.edu/covid-19/> or at <https://uh.edu/housing>

Bathroom and Community Space Cleaning and Usage Expectations

- I acknowledge and understand that in response to COVID-19 residents are expected to clean and disinfect frequently touched areas within the suite daily and that residents must complete the roommate/suitemate cleaning checklist and schedule agreement.
- I acknowledge and understand that the frequency and cleaning of common areas outside of resident rooms, suites, and apartments will be conducted at least twice daily during the week and at least once each day on the weekend.

Visitor Guest Policy and Community Amenities

- I acknowledge and understand that the visitor and guest policy of the residence halls and the availability of amenities such as common area kitchens, study rooms, living rooms, theatres, computer labs, and fitness rooms may be amended or restricted in response to COVID-19 related developments.

Self-Isolation or Quarantine Relocation

- I acknowledge and understand that I may be required to temporarily move to another space in campus housing in the event of a required self-isolation or quarantine.

Check the boxes next to each acknowledgement and return to your supervisor.