

University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Housing & Residence Life Handbook
COVID-19 Addendum
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UW-Parkside Housing & Residence Life is committed to minimizing the potential spread of disease within our community. In light of the on-going public health crisis related to COVID-19, your residential experience will be impacted. The University along with Housing & Residence Life will continue to make public health-informed decisions based on guidance from federal, state, and local officials.

All residential students are required to obey federal, state, and local ordinances and any policies and/or guidance put forth by the University or the Office of Housing & Residence Life relating to public health crises, including COVID-19. You acknowledge that by moving into your assigned room, you will abide by these policies and understand that failure to comply may result in cancellation of your Housing Contract.

Face Coverings

Residents are required to wear a mask / face-covering at all times when outside of the resident's assigned room, suite, or apartment. Face-coverings are required in all common areas including hallways, common areas, community kitchens, community bathrooms, computer rooms, fitness rooms, laundry rooms, elevators, stairwells, and lobbies.

Monitoring for COVID-19

Residents are required to monitor for symptoms each day before leaving their residence hall / apartment. If you are experiencing symptoms such as shortness of breath, fever, cough, or loss of taste or smell, even if they are mild, **remain in your residence hall room**. Students should contact the Student Health & Counseling Center by phone at 262-595-2366 for an appointment.

Testing / Contact Tracing

The University of Wisconsin System expects to secure the resources to conduct regular COVID-19 surveillance testing on all residential students (possibly as often as every two weeks throughout the semester). All residential students will be required to participate in the testing which will occur on-campus. Students who are symptomatic will be evaluated by the medical providers in the Student Health & Counseling Center and tested as deemed appropriate.

Residents who test positive are expected to cooperate with local county health department representatives who will conduct in-depth interviews to identify with whom the infected individual has had close contact recently. *A resident who tests positive* will be required to *isolate* for up to 14 days or until cleared by a health care provider. *A resident who is identified as a close contact* will be required to *quarantine* for up to 14 days.

Quarantine / Isolation

The University may request or require a resident to leave their residence hall space when the resident's continued presence in the residential community poses a health or safety risk to other community members. Residents are required to comply with requests from Residence Life staff to leave their assigned space due to COVID-19 or other public health related emergency. Failure to do so is a violation of the Housing Contract and may subject the resident to immediate emergency removal from their assigned space.

A limited number of isolation/quarantine spaces have been set aside for residents who are required to move from their assigned room. Residents who are able to return home for the length of the isolation/quarantine period will be encouraged to do so. Residents who are unable to leave campus will be required to move to one of the designated spaces. Removal from the residence hall / apartment to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of the resident's Housing Contract.

Guests / Visitation

In an effort to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, guests will be limited during the Housing Move-In process. After Move-In, only the residents residing in the specific residence hall or individual apartment will be allowed to enter the building / apartment. Within the residence hall, no more than the maximum number of individuals are allowed in a resident's room at any given time (i.e. in a double occupancy room, no more than 2 people can be in the room at any time; in a single occupancy room, no guests are allowed). In common areas, signs will be posted signifying the maximum number of individuals allowed in the space.

Dining Services

Dining services, including where and how it will be offered, is subject to the discretion of the University and is subject to modification to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance, the occupancy of dining locations and the length of time students may remain in the dining space may be limited. Additional operational adjustments, including but not limited to, venue closings and reduced hours of service may be necessary to address health and safety concerns.

Termination

Upon reasonable notice, Housing & Residence Life reserves the right to terminate Housing Contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID-19.