

COVID-19 Housing Guidelines

Fraternity and Sorority Life
University of Kentucky

Move-Out

If the University must close housing and for the end of the fall semester:

- House Directors should schedule no more than two in-house residents move out every two hours. This guideline is for proper physical distancing and for traffic control.

Physical (Social) Distancing Accommodations

- Sleeping areas
 - See [Bed Positioning](#) for guidance for six-foot distancing arrangements.
 - After reserving rooms for self-isolation, review housing assignments to maximize the use of the facility while minimizing the occupancy in each bedroom.
 - For example, move two students from a four-person room into an empty double.
- Common Areas and Study Rooms
 - Arrange and/or move furniture in common spaces to allow for safe physical distance guidelines (at least 6 feet).
- Eating Areas
 - Restrict the number of people allowed in the dining room at one time so that everyone can stay at least 6 feet apart from one another.
 - The state guidelines as of June 29 are 50% of the maximum permitted occupancy of seating capacity.
 - We recommend removing additional furniture above this new maximum capacity.
 - Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups or eating utensils. Non-disposable food service items used should be handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher. Wash hands after handling used food service items.
- Laundry
 - Maintain access and adequate supplies to laundry facilities to help prevent spread of COVID-19.
 - Restrict the number of people allowed in laundry rooms at one time to ensure everyone can stay at least 6 feet apart.
 - Provide disposable gloves, soap for washing hands and household cleaners and EPA registered disinfectants for residents and staff to clean and disinfect buttons, knobs and handles of laundry machines, laundry baskets and shared laundry items.

Bathrooms

 - Implement physical distancing practices by allowing only enough residents in the room that allows for six-foot distancing in the space.
- In community style bathrooms:
 - Consider using every other toilet stall, sink or shower stall.
 - Assign each residents a toilet stall, sink and shower stall to limit exposure.
 - Schedule shower times to avoid waiting in the bathroom.
 - Consider installing Plexiglas barriers between sinks to reduce spatter.
 - Instruct residents to wipe down facilities before and after use. Chapters should provide cleaning materials in easily accessible locations for this purpose.
 - Provide [information](#) on how to wash hands properly. Hang signs in bathrooms.

- Residents should be instructed that sinks could be an infection source and should avoid placing toothbrushes directly on counter surfaces. Totes could also be used for personal items to limit their contact with other surfaces in the bathroom.
- Gym/Exercise and Activity/Craft Rooms
 - Restrict the number of people allowed in activity/craft and exercise rooms to ensure everyone can stay at least 6 feet apart. If 6 feet of distancing can't be met, then the room must be closed.
 - Activities and sports, e.g., basketball, that require close contact are not recommended.

Dining

- Only food service professionals should have access to food preparation and food storage areas.
- Do not permit self-service of food or beverages. Servers should wear gloves and masks.
- Eliminate bulk leftover containers; late plates wrapped immediately after preparation by the food service professionals may be stored.

Cleaning

- Responsibility:
 - Professional staff should be used to clean all common areas, kitchens, dining areas, laundry rooms, public restrooms, activity/craft rooms, gym/exercise rooms and community bathrooms.
 - If professional staff are not available for cleaning, then a cleaning schedule should be submitted to the Fraternity and Sorority Life office by August 1. The schedule should only include residents of the facility.
 - Residents should clean their bedroom and suite style bathrooms.
- Protocols:
 - Proactively deep clean and disinfect all high-touch areas at least two to three times daily using an EPA approved product with a one-minute kill time. Staff should wear proper PPE: mask, gloves, booties.
- Common Areas
 - Clean furniture, door handles, crash bars and elevator buttons.
 - Kitchen
 - Clean all appliances, tables and chairs.
 - Make sure trash cans are emptied regularly throughout the day.
- Dining Areas
 - Clean tables and chairs after each use.
 - Make sure trash cans are emptied regularly.
- Laundry Rooms
 - Clean washers/dryers, folding tables and door handles.
 - Make sure trash cans are emptied regularly.
- Public Restrooms
 - Clean regularly using an EPA approved product, at least twice per day (e.g., in the morning and evening or after times of heavy use).
 - Make sure bathrooms are continuously stocked with soap and paper towels or automated hand dryers.
 - Disinfection wipes should also be provided to for user to clean facilities before and after each use.

- Residents Bathrooms
 - Suite Style
 - Residents should clean their own bathrooms regularly using an EPA approved product.
 - Disinfection wipes should also be provided to for residents to clean facilities before and after each use.
 - Gloves should be provided to residents so they can make sure their trash cans are emptied regularly.
 - Community Style
 - Shared bathrooms should be cleaned regularly using an EPA approved product, at least twice per day (e.g., in the morning and evening or after times of heavy use).
 - Make sure bathrooms are continuously stocked with soap and paper towels or automated hand dryers.
 - Disinfection wipes should also be provided to for residents to clean facilities before and after each use.
 - Make sure trash cans are emptied regularly.
- Gym/Exercise Room
 - Cleaned regularly using EPA approved product at least twice per day (e.g., in the morning and evening or after times of heavy use).
 - Disinfection wipes should also be provided to for residents to clean facilities before and after each use.
 - Make sure trash cans are emptied regularly.

Visitation

- Resident Staff Visitation
 - Staff should limit their visitors to only their living quarters. Guests must wear a mask while on campus and until they are inside the staff member's room.
 - A record of all visitors that enter rooms should be maintained.
 - Staff must not invite anyone experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19; having a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19; and/or being exposed to any person who has a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Resident Visitation
 - No visitation should be allowed in the chapter facilities. This includes non-resident members and any guests.
 - UK reserves the right to adapt/change/restrict visitation based on guidance from CDC or the level of risk associated with the pandemic and community spread.

Accommodations for Residents or Employees

- Difference between isolation and quarantine:
 - Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease for people who are not sick.
 - Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19:
 - Instruct any members who share with you they have received a positive COVID test result to report their results directly to the Health Corps at healthcorps@uky.edu or

- (859) 218-7233.
- Students diagnosed with COVID-19 should return home if possible, for treatment and recovery time. If this is not possible, the chapter should work with the University to find a suitable arrangement.
 - Students should follow the most current [CDC guidelines](#) in conjunction with UK Health Corps to determine when to return to campus. When released from self-isolation, the student should send documentation directly to UK Health Corps (healthcorps@uky.edu).
 - House Directors can ask for documentation of the release from self-isolation from the student, but the student is not required to provide it.
 - Students who have been exposed, but not tested positive for COVID-19:
 - Roommates of a student who tested positive for COVID-19 should also be quarantined for 14 days and should follow the most current [CDC guidelines](#) in conjunction with UK Health Corps to determine when to return to class or work.
 - The roommate should leave their room as soon as the student who test positive for COVID-19 is notified and placed in room that has not been used by others. Once the student who tested positive for COVID-19 has left, wait 24 hours before you clean or disinfect and follow procedures outlined by the [CDC](#). If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
 - Students may quarantine in their bedrooms 30 minutes after the room has been cleaned.
 - The student should be provided a private bathroom if possible. If a private bathroom is not possible then the person who is quarantined should clean and disinfect the frequently touched surfaces in the bathroom after each use. Open windows to increase air circulation in the area.
 - Quarantined students should be provided with meals by the chapter in their private rooms.
 - The quarantine rooms should be labeled externally with appropriate signage that states restricted access (e.g., “Private Quarters” or “Authorized Personnel Only”) but does not state the reason for the restricted access due to concerns about potential for stigma and FERPA/HIPAA violations.
 - The House Director should work with chapter leadership and the quarantined student to identify a plan to provide other necessary items, such as medications or toiletries.
 - Employees who test positive for COVID-19:
 - Employees who are residents of the facility can self-isolate in their apartments within the facility.
 - Employees should not end isolation until instructed to do so by the Fayette County Health Department.

Acknowledgement and Resources

- [COVID Signage for Campus from UKPD](#)
- [Kentucky Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [CDC Guides for Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)
- [EPA-Registered Disinfectants](#)
- [American College Health Association \(ACHA\)](#)

- [CSL Management](#)
- [MJ Sorority Insurance](#)
- [Holmes Murphy Insurance](#)
- [Upper Crust](#)
- [Campus Cooks](#)
- [National Panhellenic Conference](#)
- [North American Interfraternity Conference](#)

Resources on Testing, Tracing and Self-Isolation/Quarantine

- [UK Exposure Notification Protocol](#)
- [Kentucky Public Health Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Disease Clearance](#)
- [Kentucky's Healthy at Work Testing Plan Guidance](#)
- [CDC's Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID-19](#)
- [CDC's When to Start and End Quarantine for Persons exposed to COVID-19](#)