

Student Housing Update – Fall 2020

We look forward to welcoming our students living on campus for 2020-21! Student Housing is committed to providing a transformative, residential experience this year that aligns with current health and safety guidance from the University and the State of Mississippi.

Extensive thought and planning have been devoted to identifying and implementing measures in order to create a campus living experience that is safe for our students as they prepare to return this Fall. We recognize that students are facing many challenges, so supporting students' return to campus has been a top focus for us over these past few months.

Our team is busily preparing the halls for your arrival. We wanted to provide a few updates to our students and families regarding Fall 2020 and what you can expect:

- Safety measures are being implemented in each community in order to address health and safety concerns around COVID-19. These are based on the Protocols recently approved by the University. Signage will be posted throughout each residential community that will communicate health and safety protocols. It is important to note that UM's parameters and protocols are aligned and consistent with ordinances of the City of Oxford and Lafayette County, as well as the State of Mississippi's reopening plans. The university is also following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), and the American College Health Association (ACHA).
- Dates for Fall 2020 Move-In have not been identified yet. Student Housing will share these broadly once they become available. This process will be extended over several days to meet social distancing guidelines.
- Students will be living in all residential communities for 2020-21 except Brown Hall. We will have students living with roommates as well as additional, limited single room options available, pending approval.
- Common areas will remain open but seating capacity has been adjusted in order to maintain social distancing. Visitation policies will also be adjusted to meet current health and safety guidance.
- We are currently developing an Addendum to the Housing Contract which will provide information regarding COVID-19 health and safety measures we are taking, as well as changes to Student Housing policies for Fall 2020. Students will be notified this summer.

For those students who feel as though a private room is necessary due to COVID-19 concerns, Student Housing will be accepting COVID-19 Private Room Requests online through the Student Housing Portal. A limited number of private rooms will be available on a first come, first served basis. Private rooms may not be available in all communities. Single occupancy rates will apply. For students seeking an exception to the Freshman Residency Requirement, information about the Student Housing Appeals process can be found at: <https://studenthousing.olemiss.edu/student-housing-appeals/>

Please continue to check your Ole Miss Gmail frequently as well as updates on the Student Housing website. Stay safe and stay healthy!