ADDENDUM TO 2020-2021 STUDENT HOUSING CONTRACT

In an effort to minimize the risk of infection and help slow the spread of COVID-19, the University of Mississippi hereby issues this Addendum to its 2020-2021 Student Housing Contract. All persons residing in a residence hall or campus apartment must abide by the terms specified below. The limitations specified in this Addendum are based on what is currently known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19 at the time, as communicated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is currently no vaccine for COVID-19.

The University will update its housing policies and may further amend its student housing contract, as needed, as additional information and public health recommendations regarding COVID-19 become available. This Addendum is incorporated into and shall amend and supplement the 2020-2021 Student Housing Contract between you and the University. In the event of a conflict between this Addendum and the student housing contract, the terms of the Addendum shall control. By signing this Addendum, accepting your housing assignment, or occupying your assigned room or apartment, you agree that you have read, understand, and are bound by this Addendum as well as the 2020-2021 Student Housing Contract.

Please read and initial each paragraph:

_____ I acknowledge and agree that, if I exhibit any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, as enumerated by the CDC at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html, or if I have been in close contact (i.e., within six (6) feet of someone for more than fifteen (15) minutes who has tested positive for COVID-19), it is my responsibility to contact the University of Mississippi Student Health Center and a medical provider immediately and self-isolate. Self-isolation means NO human contact with ANYONE, including family, friends, and especially going out into the public. I understand that if my symptoms are mild, this does not mean I cannot spread the virus to someone else and put others at severe risks.

_____ I understand that Student Housing or its designee may take my temperature before I enter a residence hall or campus apartment.

_____ I understand that if I need to self-quarantine or isolate because of COVID-19, I should immediately contact Student Housing for assistance.

_____ I acknowledge and agree that, in the event of a medical emergency, I will call 911, and that I will notify the operator if I have, or think I might have, COVID-19. If possible, I will put on a cloth face covering before medical help arrives.

_____ I acknowledge and agree that, if I receive a positive test result for COVID-19 from a medical provider other than an on-campus provider, I will report my test results to the University of Mississippi Student Health Center immediately.

_____ I understand that, if I have been exposed to COVID-19, diagnosed COVID-19 positive, or directed to self-quarantine or isolate because of COVID-19, I may be required to return to my permanent residence or move to another room, residence hall, or campus apartment, so as not to jeopardize my health or the health and safety of others. I acknowledge that Student Housing may reassign me to another room, residence hall, or apartment within twenty-four (24) hours. I understand that this reassignment does not constitute a termination of my student housing contract.

_____ I understand that, as a result of COVID-19, visitation hours or the number of guests allowed in my room may temporarily change, and Student Housing may temporarily suspend guest visitation.
I understand that I am expected to practice social distancing while in my assigned room or visiting another student’s room.

I understand that I may not rearrange the furniture in my room in a way that impairs my ability to remain six (6) feet apart from either my roommate or guest.

I understand that gatherings, where social distancing is not possible, of more than twenty (20) individuals are prohibited in a single space in the residence halls.

I understand that living in a residence hall or campus apartment could increase my risk of contracting any contagious disease because of the dense populations in the residence halls.

I understand that the best way to reduce my risk of exposure and minimize the spread of COVID-19 to is to follow the public health recommendations issued from the CDC, and therefore I agree to:

- Wash my hands often with soap and water for a least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer, with 60-95% alcohol if soap/water is not available.
- Avoid touching my eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- **Stay home if I am sick and avoid close contact with others.**
- Cover my mouth and nose with my elbow or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and immediately dispose of the used tissue.
- Wear face coverings as may be required by the University, the City of Oxford, and the State of Mississippi.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in my assigned room.
- Practice social distancing by remaining six (6) feet away from others.

I understand that I am residing in a communal living environment during a global pandemic. The University cannot guarantee that I will not be exposed to or contract COVID-19 or another communicable disease. I understand there are known and unknown risks that could affect my health, safety, and well-being, including but not limited to illness, injury, temporary or permanent impairment, and death. I acknowledge that I knowingly elect to live in a residence hall or campus apartment with a full understanding and acceptance of these risks and without any undue pressure or coercion.

I understand that campus housing may only be available for those times during the academic term during which coursework is offered on campus and in person.

I understand that the University and/or Student Housing may take specific measures to protect the public health of the University community and the surrounding community in response to a state of emergency, COVID-19 or another communicable disease, or other reasons deemed to be in the best interests of the University. I understand that these measures may include terminating my student housing contract, changing my housing assignment, closing residence halls or campus apartments, shortening the academic term, and/or modifying how coursework is delivered. I acknowledge and agree that if the University takes any such measures in response to COVID-19 or for COVID-19 related reasons, I may not terminate my housing contract for circumstances beyond my control under section 8(b) of the 2020-2021 Student Housing Contract, nor am I otherwise entitled to a refund of any housing fees, costs, or other housing-related expenses because of COVID-19, except as provided for in this Addendum. If the University closes its residential housing or campus apartments in response to COVID-19 or for COVID-19 related reasons, I may be eligible for the following pro rata refund:
Closure between August 15-30, 2020  75% of actual housing fees paid
Closure between August 31 – September 14, 2020  50% of actual housing fees paid
Closure between September 15-30, 2020  25% of actual housing fees paid
Closure on or after October 1, 2020  No refund issued

______ I understand that this Addendum is intended to protect my health and safety. My non-compliance with the terms of this Addendum may result in my removal from student housing and my repeated and intentional non-compliance could trigger student conduct disciplinary proceedings. I acknowledge and agree that if I am removed from student housing for failing to comply with this Addendum or disciplinary reasons, I am not eligible for a housing fees refund.

Name__________________________________ Date ____________________
Signature________________________________ Date of Birth______________

If under nineteen (19) years old:

Parent or Guardian Name___________________ Date ____________________
Signature________________________________________________________