

Fall 2020 Student Housing Information for Students Living On-Campus

Dear students and families,

As a follow-up to the university's "[Campus Ready](#)" plan shared earlier this week by Chancellor Glenn Boyce, the Student Housing team is working to finalize details for the Fall 2020 semester. This message provides you several important updates as you are getting ready to return to campus for the coming academic year.

Fall Opening - *Groovin' at Move-in*

Groovin' at Move-in is scheduled for **Saturday, Aug. 15 through Friday, Aug. 21**. Student Housing is utilizing an appointment-based process in which you can select a move-in appointment that works best for your schedule. On each of the seven move-in days, there will be a morning appointment time (8:00 a.m.-noon) and an afternoon appointment time (noon-4:00 p.m.). All residence halls and campus apartments will have move-in appointments each day during *Groovin' at Move-in*. Students will receive an email to your Ole Miss Gmail account when the move-in appointment selection process opens.

Each student will be limited to two guests during your appointed move-in time, and everybody will be required to wear a mask or face covering. We have developed a move-in plan that adheres to social distancing and all other public health guidelines. The number of volunteers will be reduced significantly this year to limit the number of interactions, and they will not be able to assist you with moving personal items.

Programs that require an early move-in timeframe will be notified through Student Housing, and we will provide details to those groups regarding early arrival needs and dates. Given the length and flexibility of *Groovin' at Move-in* this year, we are not able to accommodate individual early move-in requests.

A list of *Groovin' at Move-in* FAQs can be found on the [Student Housing website](#).

Room Changes

In order to open the move-in appointment selection process, the room change option must be closed in the Student Housing Portal. We want to be cognizant of those students and families who need to make travel plans for move-in, and therefore **we are closing the room change process within the Student Housing Portal on Friday, July 10 at 4:00 p.m. CDT**. If you are interested in selecting a new room or building, you must do so before July 10 at 4:00 p.m. CDT.

Once students move in to residence halls and campus apartments, the option to change rooms will not be available except in emergency situations. This is for the safety of our students as we work to prevent possible spread of the virus. Students who feel as through their situation

warrants an emergency room change should speak to their Community Coordinator or Graduate Community Director.

COVID-19 Private Room Requests

For those students who feel as though a private room is necessary due to COVID-19 concerns, Student Housing is accepting COVID-19 Private Room Requests. A limited number of private rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, pending review and approval.

The COVID-19 Private Room Request does not guarantee a private room. Student Housing will use the information provided as part of this request to determine eligibility for a private room. COVID-19 Private Room Requests will be reviewed in the order they are received. Review will begin on Monday, July 6.

Student Housing Appeals

For students seeking an exception to the Freshman Residency Requirement, you will be required to apply to [the Student Housing Appeals process](#). The deadline to submit a housing appeal for review prior to the start of fall semester is Thursday, July 30 at 4:00 p.m. CDT.

2020-2021 COVID-19 Contract Addendum

Each student will be required to read and sign the COVID-19 Contract Addendum and accept all of its provisions prior to selecting a move-in appointment and moving into the residence halls and campus apartments for Fall 2020. The COVID-19 Contract Addendum addresses health & safety protocols, adjusted policies, and overall changes to the 2020-2021 Student Housing Contract due to COVID-19. Review of the contract addendum and acceptance of its provisions will be done in the student's 2020-2021 housing application within the Student Housing Portal. Students will be notified through their Ole Miss Gmail account once the COVID-19 Contract Addendum is available.

Changes to Visitation and Guest Policy

Visitation and overnight guests will be prohibited at the start of the fall semester. Limiting the number of people in the residential communities is integral to limiting the spread of COVID-19 and maximizing student safety. Guests will be permitted to visit in the main lobby areas of each residence hall, but will not be allowed into the living spaces or residential floors. This includes all guests regardless of gender and extends to all hours of the day and night.

As public health concerns ease, visitation and guest privileges will be re-established in a phased approach, gradually increasing the number of permitted guests and the hours of their stay while offering students more flexibility in line with local health recommendations. Updates to the visitation and overnight guest policies will be sent to students via Ole Miss Gmail when changes occur.

Health & Safety Protocols

The Department of Student Housing has increased the frequency of cleaning and sanitizing all campus housing facilities. Before move-in, all campus housing buildings will be cleaned and disinfected (all touchpoints, flat surfaces and public restrooms) in preparation for Fall 2020 move-in. We have also implemented an enhanced cleaning schedule for all public areas within Student Housing. Also, common areas and spaces in all residence halls have been modified to allow for maximum social distancing.

Students will be required to wear a mask or face covering while in the lobby, lounges, hallways, and other public areas of the residence halls and campus apartments at all times. Students will not be required to wear a mask while in their room if they can maintain safe social distance from their roommate. Additional information regarding student health & safety protocols will be provided in the COVID-19 Contract Addendum.

Quarantine/Isolation Housing

Student Housing is working with other campus units to develop dedicated housing spaces to isolate students who test positive for COVID-19. We will coordinate with University Health Services if a student living in on-campus housing will need to move to an isolation housing location. Information regarding Student's Housing's protocols for quarantine and isolation will be provided in the COVID-19 Contract Addendum.

We look forward to welcoming you in August and will communicate additional information, specifically about move-in over the next several weeks.

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