

University of Virginia's College at Wise Housing & Residence Life Housing COVID-19 Policy

Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the College continues to review guidelines from federal, state, and local governments and health agencies. With the goal of preparing a healthy on-campus environment for your arrival this fall, we have developed the policy outlined below. These policy requirements are subject to change as the public health crisis evolves

Know that while we remain committed to providing the residential experience and support you expect from us, we also expect that our residents will act in the best interests of the community's health. Taking steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is a shared responsibility. Therefore, **students living on-campus are required to comply with all health and safety policies, including the COVID-19 policy**, adopted by the College's Office of Housing & Residence Life. Failure to adhere to these policies may result in immediate removal from campus housing or charges through the student conduct system.

Current requirements include:

- **Social distancing:** You must practice [social and physical distancing](#), and limit close contact with others who do not live in your room, suite, or apartment.
- **Hand hygiene:** You must comply with [public health guidelines](#) for healthy hygiene, including washing hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Face coverings:** The [University's policy on face coverings](#) requires you to wear a face covering in shared spaces outside of your bedroom, suite, or apartment.
- **Personal cleaning:** In order to limit exposure, you are responsible for wiping down the surfaces you touch in bathrooms and shared spaces with household disinfectant. Cleaning supplies will be supplied for students staying halls with a shared, community bathroom.
- **Gathering size limits:** You must follow current limitations on the size of social gatherings, activities, and events inside or outside the residence halls.
- **Limiting visitors and guests:** HRL encourages you to limit your visitors and non-residential guests to your residence hall and room.
- **Staying home if you feel sick:** If you experience [COVID-19 symptoms](#), you are required to stay home and call the UVA Health Wise clinic immediately at 276-376-3475. The clinic will instruct you on required next steps. If you are experiencing a medical emergency (i.e. difficulty breathing), call 911.
- **COVID-19 testing and contact tracing:** You may be required to undergo screening or testing for COVID-19, and to provide information for contact tracing.
- **Isolation and quarantine:** If you experience COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, you may be required to relocate to an alternate housing assignment. You are required to follow the Health Wise Clinic/Virginia Department of Health instructions regarding isolation and quarantine.

Housing & Residence Life is also taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Our current plans include:

- **Increased cleaning** of shared spaces, including common bathrooms and common areas.
- **Regulation of common area spaces**, including rearranging or removing furniture and setting occupancy limits.
- **Suspending room changes** until further notice to reduce resident exposure.
- **Adapting residential programming** to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- Other measures may be implemented as necessary