



## Housing and Residence Life COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines

**By choosing to live in on-campus housing, you are assuming the risk that comes with living on campus during this public health crisis and understand that COVID-19 will impact your residential student experience at Kennesaw State University. To protect the health and safety of our students, Housing and Residence Life has enhanced protocols regarding disinfecting common areas such as building entrance doors, elevators and stairwells, increasing the scope and frequency. It is the responsibility of each residential student to maintain their health and wellness by washing their hands often, wearing a face covering outside of their room or suite, and disinfecting bedrooms, bathrooms and shared common spaces (kitchens, living rooms, etc.) within their unit. Kennesaw State University cannot guarantee that you will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19 while living in on-campus housing environment. Further, living on campus could elevate the risk of contracting any contagious illness simply due to the proximity and number of students in the residence halls.**

Housing and Residence Life adheres to Board of Regents, State of Georgia and [CDC guidelines](#). Therefore, residents should follow the guidelines outlined by KSU. Below are new guidelines applicable to all residential students, which will be enforced in an effort to keep the entire KSU community safe. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, Housing and Residence Life policies, procedures and guidelines may evolve throughout the year to minimize the risks posed by COVID-19. For the most current information related to safety precautions Housing and Residence Life is taking, please visit [campusservices.kennesaw.edu/coronavirus](http://campusservices.kennesaw.edu/coronavirus).

### General Health and Safety

Residential students and their guests must comply with health and safety guidelines adopted by KSU and Housing and Residence Life in addition to health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, and regulations related to COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Social distancing in spaces outside of their unit
- Wearing a face covering in all locations on campus outside your residence
- Self-monitoring for fever and symptoms
- Contact Tracing
- Proper hand washing
- Disinfection protocols
- Quarantine/ isolation requirements (including before or upon arrival to campus)
- Residents are not allowed to have guests inside their unit that do not have a 2020-21 License Agreement.
- Limitations on gatherings – Residents must follow the General Occupancy standards found in the KSU Codes of Conduct. General occupancy is defined as two persons per bedroom (i.e. a four-bedroom apartment equals a total occupancy limit of eight people). Total occupancy within a unit cannot exceed these limits at any time.

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## **Self-monitoring**

Students are required to self-monitor for symptoms before leaving their residence each day. Anyone with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, should call the KSU COVID Health Helpline at (470) 578-6644, and then choose option 1 for direction about what to do next and NOT leave their bedroom within their unit. **Do not go to the Student Health Clinic without calling first.** If you are experiencing a medical emergency (e.g., difficulty breathing) contact Public Safety at (470) 578-6666.

## **Disinfecting**

Housing and Residence Life is following the disinfecting protocols set forth by CDC and State guidelines for the common public areas within the residence halls. The University will modify its cleaning protocols as necessary or recommended to minimize the spread of disease. Students continue to be required to clean and disinfect the personal and shared spaces within their units. Residents will be required to provide their own cleaning supplies for their assigned space. Housing and Residence Life will provide ongoing education to residential students about appropriate COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting practices.

## **Occupancy**

Residence hall rooms are viewed as a shared residence within each room or unit, similar to a family's shared residence in that social distancing practices are not expected within the room or unit. As such, it is the responsibility of each residential student to adhere to appropriate behaviors related to the prevention of COVID-19, including the cleaning of their assigned room or unit. Residential students should always consider following best practices for prevention even within the shared residence and take responsibility for their own actions.

## **Isolation/ Separation**

A resident may be asked to temporarily relocate from their assigned room and self-isolate off campus if they test positive for COVID-19 or come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Residents showing symptoms of COVID-19 may be asked to stay in their bedroom until they are able to call the KSU Student Health Helpline. If the resident is unable to find off campus accommodations Housing and Residence Life will attempt to find a temporary room on or near campus for the resident. If a student remains on campus, they must follow all communicated instructions to ensure their safety and that of other residents.

Relocation does not constitute a termination of a residential student's housing contract. However, the resident may be refunded a portion of their Housing Fees during the License Agreement period on a case-by-case basis.

## **University Dining**

A default Meal Plan based on a student's earned credit hours is charged to your student account as part of a resident's room and board. Dining service will be offered on campus; however, where and how it will be served to residential students, is subject to the discretion of KSU and may be modified to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance adopted by KSU, University Dining may limit the occupancy of dining halls, limit the amount of time students may reside within dining halls or make other operational adjustments.

## **De-Densifying Efforts**

Residential students are required to comply with any efforts needed to reduce the number of students on campus due to COVID-19, including, but not limited to, relocation to alternative housing.

**Termination**

Upon reasonable notice, Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to terminate License Agreements due to public health emergency needs, including COVID-19.