

FIU Housing & Residential Life

Repopulation Plan and Containment

As we prepare to repopulate the residence halls, we intend to implement the following plan consistent with guidance on health and safety practices. Our housing inventory is made up of 3 and 4- person apartments or suites with at least one bath in each unit and no community bathrooms.

Occupancy

- Remove Building L & K in University Apartments from the inventory. This will allow us 132 spaces for quarantine or isolation.
- We will continue to use our existing protocol for residents who report as presumptive or tested positive (see end of document)

Communication of expectations

- Students and Parents would receive an email outlining what we are doing to assist the health and well-being of the students.
- An addendum to their housing agreement would be created outlining any new rules or procedures as we continue to re-open. This would be sent in as notification in email format and then signed upon check-in and would cover the following topics:
 - The nature of living in a community environment (risk)
 - Expectations on social distancing, face coverings, and handwashing.
 - Expectations of keeping living space sanitary
 - Acknowledgement that not all amenities/space will be available (community space, kitchen, etc.)
 - Requirement of relocation for isolation (positive case) and quarantine (exposure)
 - Limitations/prohibitions of guests in room/building (no overnight guests)
 - Opening or closing date adjustments

Structured move-in to discourage crowding and lines

- Students would pick a time from a schedule that would allow only 4-5 students to move into a building each hour over 10 days.
- Students would be encouraged to bring only the items they need for the semester.
- Students would be limited to two helpers to assist with move-in.
- Helpers would not be permitted to stay overnight.
- All students and helpers would be required to wear masks.
- Carts would be wiped down after each use by staff.
- Check-in would be touchless. Students would check-in online and swipe into their room where their bedroom key would be taped to their door. (continued next page)

- A welcome package giving RA contacts, first virtual floor meeting information, and a welcome t-shirt would be on each desk. A list of virtual engagement opportunities, policy reminders, particularly any interim policies related to COVID 19 would also be included. We could include other information from other departments.

Staff Interactions

- Community/Floor welcome meetings would be conducted virtually
- Options would be available by student request for virtual meetings with staff either for conduct or sharing a concern with the RLC/ARLC; RAs can also facilitate roommate agreements virtually, by request
- Staff would do regular rounds but focus on safety versus interacting with residents.
- Staff would be required to wear masks at all times.
- Staff would respond to on-call situation while wearing masks.
- Staff would be given hand-sanitizer and encouraged to use the hand-sanitizer or to wash hands if an on-call situation requires them to touch anything.
- Virtual programs/activities will be created to engage students; virtual residential curriculum including resident one-on-one meetings.
- Aggressive wellness education would occur with residents.

Desks

- Desks would be open 24/7. Plexi-glass shields will be installed at the main points of interaction where social distancing is an issue.
- Desk staff would continue to wear masks.
- Front desks and equipment would be sanitized/ disinfected every 4 hours.

Lounges/common areas

- Furniture will be arranged/removed to promote social distancing in areas that cannot be locked.
- Lounges and kitchens will remain locked until it is determined it is safe to open

Cleaning

- Enhance cleaning with disinfectant of high touch areas would continue daily
- Using the electrostatic fogger in high traffic commons areas would continue.

Policies

- Masks must be worn at ¹all times except when in apartment or suite.
- No visitors or guests would be allowed until it is determined to be safe by the university.
- Social distancing would be encouraged in all common areas and hallways
- Social gatherings would be limited to no more than 4 in a group.
- Elevators would be limited to 4 people per elevators with social distancing markings on the floor.
- Failure to comply will result in a student conduct violation

Housing & Residential Life Covid-19 containment plan for students who have 1) Yellow on the P3 app (any symptoms), 2) students who have Red on the P3 app (highly suspicious symptoms), 3) students who test positive, and 4) students who have been in contact with a person who tests positive.

1. Students who have Yellow on the P3 app (i.e. have any symptoms but don't meet the criteria for having a higher likelihood of COVID infections)

1. Student should notify Housing & Residential Life
2. Student should stay in their own room until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved.

2. Students who have "Red" on the P3 app (i.e. suspicious symptoms).

1. Housing team is automatically notified, but without specifics.
2. Contact tracing team contacts student.
3. After initial interview, contact tracing team contacts either Senior Director for Housing & Residential Life, Andrew Naylor or Associate Director for Residential Life, Christina Montville to discuss possible exposures
4. Student is notified of the need to relocate through phone call or text. If through text, an appointment is made to have a phone conversation with a Housing & Residential Life professional staff member to give clear direction and show empathy and care. Student is advised to pack what they might need to be in isolation for up to 10 days. Student is informed they may not leave the unit and that Housing & Residential Life Staff can assist with food and grocery needs.
5. Student with symptoms (RED) is relocated to an isolation unit in University Apartments. Key is left taped to apartment door.
6. If the student has roommates, the roommates are contacted about moving into quarantine by Housing & Residential Life Staff.
7. After relocation, the FIU team or a third-party company is brought in to decontaminate the room and other areas of concern. The employee or contractor appropriate PPE will do the following in student's room:
 - i. Using approved chemicals to wipe down hard surfaces and floor.
 - ii. Using fine mist disinfectant fogger to clean air.
 - iii. Using electrostatic fogger to disinfect all other surfaces.
8. Once decontamination is completed, level 2 cleaning by custodial staff may resume. This includes disinfecting of building hallways with electrostatic fogger and wiping down of surfaces commonly used by public such as elev¹ator buttons, door handles, etc., at least 4 times a day.
9. Food service begins for student(s) (if needed) and is delivered to the door daily by staff. Student(s) is texted when food is delivered. Staff does not interact with student(s).
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10. Student either tests positive or negative.
11. If the student tests negative, student may return to their original assignment. If the student tests positive, the protocol for a Positive COVID-19 student begins.

3. Students Who Test Positive for Covid-19

1. If notification is shared and it is unknown if a student had submitted the information via the P3 app, contract tracing team is notified.
2. The contact tracing team interviews student about all places that they have been in the housing area. After this interview, this information is given to Senior Director for Housing & Residential Life, Andrew Naylor or Associate Director for Residential Life, Christina Montville.
3. Student is notified of the need to relocate through phone call or text. If through text, an appointment is made to have a phone conversation with a Housing & Residential Life professional staff member to give clear direction and show empathy and care. Student is advised to pack what they might need to be in isolation for 14 days. Student is informed they may not leave the unit and that Housing & Residential Life Staff can assist with food and grocery needs.
4. If the student has roommates, the roommates are contacted about moving into quarantine by Housing & Residential Life Staff. Student with symptoms (RED) is relocated to an isolation unit in University Apartments. Key is left taped to apartment door.
5. Student with symptoms is relocated to an isolation unit in University Apartments. Key is left taped to the apartment door.
6. Roommates of student with symptoms are relocated to a quarantine unit in University Apartments. Keys are left taped to apartment door.
7. After relocation, the FIU team or a third-party company is brought in to decontaminate the room and other areas of concern. The employee or contractor wearing appropriate PPE will do the following in student's room and public areas students has been:
 - i. Using approved chemicals to wipe down hard surfaces and floor.
 - ii. Using fine mist disinfectant fogger to clean air.
 - iii. Using electrostatic fogger to disinfect all other surfaces.
8. Once decontamination is completed, level 2 cleaning by custodial staff may resume. This includes disinfecting of building hallways with electrostatic fogger and wiping down of surfaces commonly used by public such as elevator buttons, door handles, etc., several times a day.
9. Food service begins for student(s) (if needed) and delivered to the door daily by staff. Student(s) is texted when food is delivered. Staff does not interact with student(s).
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10. Student must remain in isolation for until they receive two negative COVID-19 tests.
11. Roommates should remain in quarantine for at least 14 days. If they develop symptoms, they should contact FIU Student Health Services for next steps.

4. Students Who Need to Quarentine for Covid-19

1. Student is notified of the need to relocate to a quarantine room through phone call or text. If through text, an appointment is made to have a phone conversation with a Housing & Residential Life professional staff member to give clear direction and show empathy and care. Student is advised to pack what they might need to be in quarentine for 14 days. Student is informed they may not leave the unit and that Housing & Residential Life Staff can assist with food and grocery needs.
2. Food service begins for student(s) (if needed) and is delivered to the door daily by staff. Student(s) is texted when food is delivered. Staff does not interact with student(s).
3. Students who were exposed will need to remain in quarantine for 14 days. Assuming they have no symptoms at the end of the 14 days, they will be released from quarantine. It is recommende¹d that all close contacts be tested after 5 days from last exposure. If they test positive, they will go into isolation.
4. If the student tests positive, the protocol for a Positive COVID-19 student begins.

Instructions for Residents in Isolation or Quarantine due to COVID-19

Dear :

You are receiving this because you have tested positive for COVID-19 and are in isolation or may have been exposed to COVID-19 and are in quarantine. We understand that this may be a difficult time for you and want to support you until you are released from isolation or quarantine. While you are in isolation or quarantine you are expected to do the following:

- Stay in your apartment unless you need to do laundry. Laundry should only be done on the day that corresponds to your status in your building's laundry room:
 - Students who have tested positive may do laundry on Monday- Friday from 11am to 3pm.
 - Students who are in quarantine for possible exposure may do laundry on Monday through Friday from 4pm to 9pm.
 - Laundry rooms will be disinfected between 3pm and 4pm each day.
- You should leave any trash outside your door each morning for pick-up.
- You are not to have any visitors, including friends and family, while you are in quarantine or isolation.
- When leaving your apartment to do laundry, you must wear a mask.
- If you need assistance, you should contact the Residence Life Coordinator on-call who will help you get the assistance you need.
- Please contact your medical provider or call 911 immediately if you have:
 - Trouble breathing
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - Confusion
 - Inability to wake or stay awake
 - Bluish lips or face

What you should bring into isolation or quarantine:

- Bedding, pillows, linens, towels.
- Clothes and toiletries and other items you will need for at least two weeks.
- Plates, napkins, utensils, cooking items.

What you can expect from Housing & Residential Life:

- If you have a meal plan, we will arrange for your meals to be delivered to you at dinnertime each day, around 5:00 pm. This will include a hot dinner for that day and breakfast and lunch for the following day.
- If you do not have a meal plan and need food supplies, you have three options:
 - Use a food delivery service to have food delivered to your door.
 - Place an order online at Publix to be delivered or picked up.
 - Please plan with your Housing & Residential Life contact before ordering.
 - Make arrangements with Housing & Residential Life staff to deliver a bag of groceries from the food pantry.
- A daily check-in to see if you have any immediate needs or need medical assistance.

Residents who have tested positive must remain in isolation until such time they have received clearance from the COVID-19 Response Team.

Residents who were exposed will need to remain in quarantine for 14 days. Assuming they have no symptoms at the end of the 14 days, they will be released from quarantine. It is recommended that all close contacts be tested after 5 days from last expos¹ure If they test positive, they will go into isolation.