



Office of Housing and  
Residence Life | Newark

## Guide to Residence Life COVID-19 Addendum

**In response to COVID-19, Rutgers University – Newark and the Office of Housing and Residence Life have adjusted several policies to assist in maintaining safety and security within our on-campus residential communities.**

***Shared Responsibilities:*** The health and safety of the people who live on campus *is a shared responsibility*. All residents will now play an even more important part in ensuring high levels of safety in our community. Residents must know their resources, and know what to do in the event that another individual presents with signs or complains of symptoms of COVID-19.

***Social Distancing:*** Residents must adhere to social distancing requirements. Residents must maintain at least 6 feet in distance between individuals and adhere to any limitations on the number of people who may gather together at any one time.

***Face Coverings:*** Residents are required to wear face coverings (masks, bandanas, etc.) when in public spaces within the residence halls.

***Guest Policy:*** No outside guests will be allowed within our residential buildings. Residents may only visit others within their assigned building while adhering to the social distancing policy.

***Quarantine/Isolation:*** Residents may be required to temporarily self-quarantine or isolate themselves from others. At the discretion of the University this may be done in their assigned space or an alternate space in housing.

***Elevators:*** When possible, avoid elevators and use stairs. When elevator use is unavoidable, no more than two people should be in an elevator at a time; the two people should be facing forward and at opposite corners to maximize distance between people.

***Stairs:*** Recommended over elevator usage. Resident must comply with posted signage as stairs may be designated for “up” traffic or “down” traffic to minimize crossing traffic.

***Community Spaces/Lounges:*** Will be closed until deemed safe to open for public use.

***Laundry Rooms:*** Residents must adhere to the social distancing policy and wipe down any surfaces used during their visit.

***Self-screening, Testing, and Contact Tracing:*** Residents must comply with the procedures identified by Rutgers University. As previously mentioned, the safety and security of our community is a shared responsibility and we must do our collective part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

***Communication:*** Housing and Residence Life will be working via a hybrid method. Staff may be in offices; however, offices may or may not be open to walk-ins. Please feel free to call email us.

***Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to adjust policies as needed.  
Thank you for your contributions to the safety and security of our community.***