

# University Housing COVID-19 Policy Expectations

<https://wou.edu/housing/housing-updates/>



## COVID-19 Policy Expectations for all University Housing Contract Holders

Please note that these expectations may change in accordance with University, local, state and federal requirements and guidelines for health and safety. You can find the latest COVID-19-related information, including WOU policies, at <https://wou.edu/coronavirus/>. Please bookmark this page and visit it periodically.

1. Residents and visitors must wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth at all times in common or shared spaces, including hallways, laundry rooms, Valsetz Dining Hall, lobbies, lounges, and bathrooms. Residents can remove face coverings when in the bathrooms if showering, brushing teeth, or other personal hygiene activities that require their face covering to be removed. Face coverings do not need to be worn in resident rooms as long as no other non-roommate/ non-suitemate residents or visitors are present. Face coverings may be removed while *actively* eating or drinking but prolonged removal while eating or drinking is not permitted. See the Western Oregon University Face Covering Policy here:

<https://wou.edu/policycouncil/view-policy/?ppolicyid=1073>

2. Residents must physically distance by maintaining at least 6 feet/2 meters between themselves and others.
3. Residents may not exceed the posted maximum occupancy of common spaces. No more than two people may be in the elevator at any one time. Residents must follow directional signage in stairwells when indicated, except in the case of a building alarm, in which instance the resident should use the closest stairwell to exit the building as quickly and safely as possible.
4. Residents may only host visitors in their rooms if all of the following conditions are met:
  - a. Only residents with current contracts who live on campus may be hosted in a residence hall room or Arbor Park apartment space. Visitors and guests who do not have a current housing contract with WOU University Housing are not permitted at any time, unless assisting with move-out or move-in (which must be pre-arranged with residence hall staff).
  - b. If a resident has a roommate, the resident must obtain permission from their roommate/apartment-mates to host a guest in their room/apartment.
  - c. Room/Apartment occupancy:
    - Heritage, Landers and Ackerman Singles: No more than 2 people at any given time.
    - Barnum Suites: No more than 3 people at any given time.
    - Arbor Park - end units: No more than 4 people at any given time.
    - Arbor Park - middle units: No more than 5 people at any given time.
  - d. When guests are present in a residence hall room or suite, all occupants should wear a face covering and maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet/2 meters.
  - e. As per the University Housing Residence Hall contract, no overnight guests are allowed. All guests must leave the space or building by 11:59 PM. Guests cannot return to the space until 8 AM the next day.
5. Residents must follow Polk county guidelines for social gatherings. Because this information is ever-changing, it's best to review the current information for Polk County by going to

<https://coronavirus.oregon.gov/Pages/guidance.aspx> and clicking on Social & At-Home Gatherings for current information.

6. Residents should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms every morning before leaving their residence hall room or apartment. Residents showing symptoms of COVID-19 are expected to get a COVID-19 test promptly through their primary care provider or Student Health and Counseling Center. Residents should not go in person to SHCC, but rather should contact the SHCC via phone at 503-838-8313 for further direction about how to get tested. If a resident is showing COVID-19 symptoms, has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they will be required to isolate until 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and they are 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. Residents may return to their home location, or if they choose to stay on campus and live in a residence hall, they will be required to temporarily move into a designated isolation space with UHDS.
7. For the safety of the entire University community, residents are encouraged to disclose a positive COVID-19 diagnosis; they can do so by notifying the Student Health and Counseling Center at 503-838-8313. Residents are expected to follow the directives of the Oregon Health Authority and campus officials in the event they have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. Failure to do so may be considered a violation of the following Code of Student Responsibility regulations: 5. Disorderly Conduct, 6. Failure to Comply, 18. Violation of Policies, Standards and Laws.
8. Residents are expected to follow all additional health and safety requirements set forth by the University and applicable health authorities regarding testing, self-quarantining, isolation, and contact tracing. Residents are expected to cooperate with contact tracers and university officials in a timely manner when contacted, including retesting for COVID-19 should environmental factors suggest the virus's presence in the community or its wastewater. Failure to follow any University or health authority directives in a timely manner may be considered a violation of the Code of Student Responsibility. Residents can be best prepared to support the efforts of contact tracers by maintaining a daily activity log of where they have gone, what times they were at specific locations, who they have interacted with, and how many people were present at their location.

Violations of these expectations may result in a disciplinary process; egregious violations may lead to cancellation of a resident's housing contract. Please help support our communities' safety by being diligent about monitoring your own health and activity, and by holding each other accountable to these expectations. If it is determined that there are widespread violations of COVID-19 policies University Housing reserves the right to amend these policies to support the health and safety of the entire residential community.