ADDENDUM TO RESIDENCE HALL CONTRACT
AND COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS
UNIVERSITY HOUSING

The University of Oregon is excited to welcome you to campus for the 2020-21 school year. The University of Oregon is focused on providing outstanding learning experiences while reducing the risk of transmission of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”). As a resident in University Housing, your experience will be impacted by the University’s public health decisions.

This Addendum to Residence Hall Contract and Community Expectations (“addendum”) includes, below, a list of changes to your original 2020-2021 Residence Hall Contract and Community Expectations (“Residence Hall contract”). You must agree to these changes to live in the Residence Halls.

The University requires first-year students to live on campus to contribute to their success as they transition to college life. However, if you do not agree to the changes to the Residence Hall contract found in this addendum, you may request an exemption from the live on campus requirement at https://housing.uoregon.edu/myhousing.

Residence Hall Contract Changes

University COVID-19 Health and Safety Regulations. All residents are required to comply with the University’s COVID-19 Regulations found at https://www.uoregon.edu/uo-covid-19-regulations as well as all public health laws, orders, rules, regulations, and guidance adopted by the University. Residents must comply with these requirements in all locations in the Residence Halls. The University’s COVID-19 Regulations will be enforced through procedures established by the University’s Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and the terms of the Residence Hall contract.

Prohibited Health and Safety Hazards. Residents are prohibited from creating a health or safety hazard within the Residence Halls. This includes, but is not limited to, behavior that poses an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of other residents, University employees, or guests.

COVID-19 Testing, Vaccination, and Contact Tracing.

All residents must be tested for COVID-19 as a condition of living in the Residence Halls. The University will administer tests on a schedule and in a manner that it determines is appropriate to promote public health. Residents must be tested prior to checking into the Residence Halls. The University will determine the timing and number of additional tests as circumstances evolve.

In addition, the Oregon Health Authority, Lane County Public Health, another government authority, or the University (each a “government authority”) may also require:

- Vaccination against COVID-19 infection; and
- Participation in contact tracing to identify individuals potentially exposed to COVID-19.
- Isolation in your room, hall, floor, or wing for 1 - 14 days upon check-in, based upon health authority and/or University guidance or recommendations.

These measures may be required before, upon, and after checking into the Residence Halls. This may include a requirement to provide confirmation of an approved COVID-19 vaccination to continue residing in the Residence Halls.
Halls. If these measures are required and you refuse to comply, University Housing may relocate you to another room or terminate your Residence Hall contract.

Residents are required to notify University Housing through their My Housing account if another healthcare provider determines that they have tested positive for COVID-19 or are presumed to have COVID-19.

**Guests.** A Guest is defined as a person not assigned to your residence hall room. Guests will only be allowed in designated common area lounges, meeting rooms, and multi-purpose rooms in the Residence Halls. Guests must abide by the University’s COVID-19 Regulations and other applicable public health requirements. Guests are prohibited from entering residential corridors or bedrooms. However, residents are permitted to have up to two guests assist them with checking in on their check-in day. Overnight guests are prohibited.

**Resident Quarantine or Isolation.** Residents who test positive or are presumed positive for COVID-19, were exposed to COVID-19, or who otherwise present a health risk to the Residence Hall community may be required to self-quarantine or self-isolate for a period of time. This may require the resident to remain in their quarantine or isolation room, except in limited circumstances, for several days, a week, or multiple weeks.

While residents may be able to self-isolate in their normally assigned rooms, not all rooms or halls are appropriate for self-quarantine or self-isolation. Under Section 5.3 of your Residence Hall contract, University Housing may relocate residents to another room or alternative housing on a temporary or permanent basis for the health and safety of the student and the community. Relocation to self-isolate or self-quarantine is not a termination of your Residence Hall contract.

Residents in self-quarantine or self-isolation will receive information and instructions based on their specific circumstances from University Housing, University Health Services, and, in some circumstances, a public health authority. Residents must comply with all instructions from a public health authority, University Health Services, and University Housing.

Residents who do not comply with a reasonable request to relocate to a different room or alternative housing due to public health concerns are in violation of their Residence Hall contract.

**Density Reduction Efforts.** Residents must comply with any University actions to reduce residential density to reduce the risks associated with COVID-19. Actions may include, but are not limited to, relocating residents to alternative rooms or housing. Relocation is not a termination of your Residence Hall contract.

**Dining Services.** Dining services, including where and how meals and other food will be offered to residents, may be modified at the discretion of University Housing due to public health concerns. For example, University Housing may limit the occupancy of dining halls, limit the amount of time students may spend within dining halls, or make other operational adjustments needed to address health and safety concerns.

University Housing meal plans may also be modified. The Carson Unlimited meal plan will not be offered for 2020-2021 academic year. A Carson Limited Plan is being offered that provides entry to Carson Dining up to six times daily Monday-Friday (two separate entries per meal period) and up to four times daily Saturday and Sunday as well as holidays when limited dining services options are offered (two separate times per meal period) for take-out meals.

**Cleaning.** University Housing will provide information to residents on appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols within their assigned Residence Halls to reduce the risks associated with COVID-19 within the Residence Halls. Residents must comply with cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
**Enforcement and Termination.** The Residence Hall contract changes listed in this addendum are mandatory terms of each resident’s Residence Hall contract. Failure to comply with these terms is a violation of your Residence Hall contract and an event of default. If a resident is in default, the University may use any remedy described in the Residence Hall contract, including, but not limited to, reassignment to a new room, fees, and termination of the Residence Hall contract.

In addition, upon reasonable notice to residents, University Housing may terminate residents’ Residence Hall contracts to reduce the health risks associated with COVID-19. Termination of Residence Halls contracts may be necessary to further reduce residential density in the Residence Halls, to expand emergency housing capacity, due to inability to secure reasonable alternative housing for residents in need of relocation, to close one or all of the Residence Halls, or to take other actions in the interest of public health and safety. If, at any time, the University closes the Residence Halls and requires all residents to leave campus for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, residents will not be charged for the remaining, canceled portion of the Residence Hall contract period.

Residents are solely responsible for removing all of their belongings out of the Residence Halls at the time of contract termination or the end of the Residence Hall contract period, whichever is sooner. In the event that the resident is not able to remove their belongings from the Residence Halls, the resident is responsible for making arrangements, approved by University Housing, for the removal of the resident’s belongings and paying all associated costs.

**Remote Courses.** The State of Oregon, a public health authority, or the University may decide, at any time, that courses and other education for the 2020-2021 academic year must be provided either primarily or exclusively via remote instruction. The University already anticipates delivering instruction remotely for week 10 and finals week of fall term. The Residence Hall contract, including room and board rates, and this addendum will remain in effect regardless of the University’s mode of delivery of courses and other education.

**University Housing Measures to Promote Health**

**Health Information.** University Housing will provide residents with information from University Health Services and public health authorities about how to monitor and care for their health as well as the health of their community. University Housing will also provide information about resources that residents can access for assistance with health care, remote education, and other challenges.

**Reduced Housing Density.** University Housing is reducing the housing density in the Residence Halls for the 2020-2021 academic year. For example, Housing has eliminated all living arrangements involving three residents per room in the Residence Halls. Housing may take further action to reduce residential density if necessary to protect residents’ health and safety.

**Modified Housing Events.** University Housing events will be modified to allow physical distancing and adhere to guidelines that promote public health. Residents will participate in some University Housing events via an online platform so they can continue to connect with the Housing community without placing residents at increased risk of illness.

**Cleaning.** University Housing continues to review, modify, and implement new cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting practices and protocols to reduce the risks associated with COVID-19 within the Residence Halls.

As always, Housing will provide residents with important updates on health and safety guidance.
Acknowledgment of Risks

Although University Housing is implementing health and safety measures to reduce the risks associated with COVID-19 within the Residence Halls, University Housing cannot eliminate the possibility of exposure to or infection with COVID-19.

By signing this addendum, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and the risk that you may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19 while living in the Residence Halls despite any health and safety measures University Housing could implement and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, disability, or death.

Student Health and Safety Expectations

Residents living in University Housing have a responsibility to themselves and their community. All members of the University Housing community — residents, employees, and visitors — are expected to act in a manner that demonstrates consideration for the health of themselves and others. Residents who disregard public health guidelines jeopardize their own health as well as the health of others around them. Our community expects and needs your commitment to safe and healthy behavior in all aspects of residential life and in all locations in the Residence Halls.

Testing, Contact Tracing, Notification, and Vaccination Expectations. Students who reside in University Housing have a personal responsibility to themselves and others to proactively fight the spread of COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that symptom screening, COVID-19 testing, and contact tracing can help in slowing and stopping the spread of COVID-19. Regardless of whether these steps are required, residents are expected to perform these activities out of concern for their own health and the health of the community.

Residents who do not participate in screening, testing, and contact tracing put their health and the health of Residence Halls community at risk.

Social Distancing Expectations. Residents are expected to adhere to health and safety social distancing guidance adopted by the University and public health authorities. This guidance is evolving as the current public health crisis continues and may include, but is not limited to:

- Keep 6 feet (1.83 meters) of distance from others when outside your room
- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds
- Limiting any gathering to or below University, state, or county guidelines (as an example, 10)
- Avoiding gathering in public spaces, such as lounges, with more individuals than allowed per occupancy guidelines (posted outside of each space)
- Wearing a face covering when in indoor public spaces, and, when outdoors, when you cannot keep more than 6 feet (1.83 meters) of separation
- Monitor yourself daily for COVID-19 symptoms and stay in your room if you have them

COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

You can find additional regarding public health guidelines for COVID-19 through the CDC (www.cdc.gov), Oregon Health Authority (www.oregon.gov/oha), and Lane County Public Health (www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/health_and_human_services/public_health). In addition, the University’s coronavirus webpage, (www.uoregon.edu/coronavirus) is routinely updated with new information regarding the University’s response to COVID-19, and the University’s COVID-19 information telephone line is available at 541-346-7007 (the line is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday).