COVID-19 PANDEMIC HOUSING AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

This COVID-19 Pandemic Housing Agreement Addendum is part of your Fall 2020/Spring 2021 Academic-Year Student Housing Agreement, and is designed to inform you about what you may experience if you live in an on-campus residence hall at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville during the 2020-21 academic year.

As you are aware, we are currently experiencing a global pandemic due to the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19, and circumstances are constantly changing. As such, the University is not able to accurately predict what the conditions will be like when the academic year begins, and what precautions the University may have to implement in on-campus residence halls throughout the academic year in order to react to the changing circumstances. You should be aware that if you live in an on-campus residence hall, the University cannot guarantee that the residence hall will be free of coronavirus. You will be living with other students who could contract the virus, and you will be sharing common areas which may include bathrooms. By signing this addendum, you understand and agree that the University needs the flexibility to implement whatever procedures it deems appropriate to minimize the risks posed by coronavirus. To the extent the terms in this addendum are different than the Housing Agreement, the terms of this addendum shall apply.

Currently, the University is planning on starting the fall semester on August 19 and completing classes on November 24. This academic calendar is subject to change as circumstances change. You will be expected to vacate the residence hall within 24 hours of your last day of class. The residence halls will not be open during exams. The University may make a similar adjustment to the spring semester based on the circumstances at that time. When housing rates are posted for the fall semester, they will be based on the expectation that students will be vacating housing after their last day of class, and not be living in the residence hall during exams.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

While the University cannot predict every situation that a student may encounter living in a residence hall, you should acknowledge the following current expectations of students who live in residence halls:

- I understand that I may be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19/coronavirus test in order to enter the residence hall and check into my assigned room, and I may be required to have additional testing during the academic year. I understand that I may also be required to have a seasonal flu vaccine and a coronavirus vaccine if one is developed.
- I understand that I may be required to have my temperature taken and/or obtain a thermometer and have it in my possession in order to enter the residence hall and check into my assigned room.
- I understand that I may be required to wear a face covering when inside the residence hall.
- I understand that the University may find it necessary to take specific actions that impact me to protect the health of residents from coronavirus and other communicable diseases. These actions could include self-isolation, quarantine, or moving my room to free up space for individuals who need to be isolated or quarantined (or for any other reason deemed necessary by the University).
• I understand that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, residence hall rules and regulations pertaining to visitation hours, number of guests, areas of access, etc. may temporarily change to address the campus pandemic response.

• I understand that there may be circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic that may require me to self-isolate or quarantine away from others for at least 14 days, and that during that time I must avoid contact with others, including family, friends, and going out in public, and that these circumstances include, but may not be limited to, having:
  • Developed symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection as enumerated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html, or testing positive for COVID-19/coronavirus.
  • Recently had close contact with someone known to be diagnosed with COVID-19/coronavirus. Close contact means you were within about six feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19/coronavirus for more than a few minutes. Close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a person who has COVID-19/coronavirus. Close contact also means having direct contact with secretions (typically coughs and sneezes) from a person with COVID-19/coronavirus.
  • Arrived in the US within the previous 14 days after traveling in another country.
  • Arrived from cruise ship travel (ocean or river) within the previous 14 days.
  • Traveled within the past 14 days from areas or cities within the US where community spread of COVID-19/coronavirus is ongoing. (Check with state or local authorities at the starting place of your journey and along your route to learn about local circumstances and any restrictions that may be in place.)

• I understand that, if required to self-isolate or quarantine away from others as outlined above, I may be required to move to alternative, temporary isolation housing, and must contact the designated University contact to provide my name, current location, and a phone number where I can be contacted within the hour by local health authorities who can assist me in arranging temporary isolation housing if they determine it is necessary.

• I understand that, if required to self-isolate or quarantine, I must cooperate with the University and/or the local health authorities and provide necessary information to facilitate contact tracing.

• I understand that, if required to self-isolate or quarantine away from others as outlined above, during that time, the University shall not be responsible for the provision of my home health care and that if due to the presence and nature of my symptoms I am unable to provide self-care, I must arrange for care by others at an off-campus location.

• I understand that, if at any time I develop symptoms of COVID-19 as enumerated by the CDC at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html, including during a time of self-isolation or quarantine away from others, I must contact my local health care provider or, if needed, local emergency room, for medical evaluation.

• I understand that, in the event of a medical emergency, I will call 911, and that I will notify the operator if I have, or think I might have, COVID-19 infection.
I HAVE READ THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC HOUSING AGREEMENT ADDENDUM. I UNDERSTAND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH LIVING IN A RESIDENCE HALL. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE UNIVERSITY NEEDS THE FLEXIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT WHATEVER PROCEDURES IT DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE RISKS POSED BY CORONAVIRUS, AND I WILL ABIDE BY WHATEVER PROCEDURES THE UNIVERSITY DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY.

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