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Spring Opening Information

As we prepare for student arrivals, we know that students have been traveling. To ensure safety for all of our students and staff, COVID-19 entry testing is required. We also have heard you in your expressed concerns and recognize that due to flight restrictions many of you are having difficulty arriving on campus within the available dates and times. See below updated information below about procedures.

If you are a new student with us this spring, you will be required to arrive within the time frame we have provided. It is important that as a new student you receive materials for access to your space and additional information as a new student. There will be no exceptions.

If you are a returning student we continue to ask that students arrive during the designated testing times available. However, if you are not able to arrive within the frame we have provided due to travel difficulties/concerns, we will allow you entry to return after hours (please use your key to access your building) with the expectation that you will receive your entry the following morning. You will be required to self-quarantine in place. This means that students are expected to follow all public health guidelines, wear a mask, and limit your trips with the exception of essential grab and go food items.

The move-in process will occur over multiple days (see dates below). Up to two family members or supporters may accompany a student during their assigned move-in time. Failure to complete required testing prior to moving into your residence hall will result in a referral to Student Conduct and Community Standards. If coming at a date beyond January 24, students must request an exception here.

As residential student, you are committing to following health and safety guidelines:

- Wear a mask at all times when: indoors, unless you live in a suite or apartment AND are still able to maintain six feet of distance between each other; when outside and unable to maintain six feet of physical distance.
- Physically distance AT ALL TIMES.
- Monitor symptoms and stay home if not feeling well.
- Complete a daily self-screening tool before leaving your residence hall.
- Practice personal hygiene by washing your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.

**SPRING OPENING DATES & TIMES:**

- Friday, January 15
- Tuesday, January 19
- Wednesday, January 20
- Thursday, January 21
- Friday, January 22
- Saturday, January 23
- Sunday, January 24

**IMPORTANT:** If you are no longer planning to live in Residential Life-managed housing for the spring semester, you will have until March 20, 2020 to cancel your contract without penalty.
BEFORE YOU ARRIVE: SIGN UP

- Entry testing will be required from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the dates provided above with the exception of January 15 testing from 8 a.m. to noon.
- Schedule an entry test via recstore.wustl.edu.
- Your testing sign-up day will serve as your official arrival date to campus.
- Select and schedule mandatory bi-weekly surveillance. (This may result in back to-back testing, but will still be required)
- Submit Your Immunization and Flu Vaccination Documentation to the student health portal. You can also schedule an appointment for a flu vaccine on the student health portal. In order to reside in residential facilities, you must complete this requirement no later than four business days following your move-in date. After that date, you will lose access to all Danforth campus facilities, including your residential facilities.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE: TRAVEL

- Students are asked to significantly limit their interactions with others 14 days prior to departing for St. Louis for the start of the spring semester. This includes staying at home as much as possible, washing your hands frequently, wearing a mask if you must be in contact with anyone outside your home, and keeping at least six feet of distance between yourself and others outside of your family.
- Don’t travel if you’re sick. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell), stay home.
- Bring masks and hand sanitizer with you and use both while traveling.
- Wear a mask at all times in airports, on planes, or in any closed space with other people. If you have access to a disposable surgical mask (also known as an isolation mask), consider wearing one during flights, or while riding trains or buses.
- Stay at least six feet away from other people as much as possible.
- If you are flying, double check to make sure you choose an airline that requires and enforces masking for everyone on board. Same with train or bus travel – be sure to check the policies of the transportation companies you choose and only travel with one that requires masks.
- If you are seated near a passenger who is not wearing a mask, ask to be moved to another seat.
- Use hand sanitizer after touching surfaces in airports or other transportation hubs.
- Avoid gathering with groups of people, paying particular attention to boarding areas, information desks, and other places where a crowd may form.
PREPARING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL: PACKING

- A maximum of two additional people will be allowed in the room during move-in.
- Masks are required at all times.
- To avoid multiple trips back and forth, we ask that you limit your interactions by not venturing off campus until your test results are back. We encourage you to get as many supplies as possible before coming and bring them with you on your move-in day. Any interactions that are unavoidable, like picking up food (which will be available on campus), would occur under strict mask and physical distancing guidelines.
- When packing your belongings, pack items you would need for a minimum 10-14 day period in the event that you are exposed to COVID-19 or test positive and will need to be moved to quarantine or isolation housing. Items to include: enough clothing, toiletries, and medications for at least 10-14 days; computer, charging cords, textbooks, and other items you may need to begin coursework online; bedding and towels (will be provided), a pillow, and any other items you will need to be comfortable for the first two weeks.

PREPARING FOR YOUR ENTRY TEST:

- Plan your arrival appropriately. Use the restroom prior to arriving for your test.
- **Do not eat or drink ANYTHING for 30 minutes prior to your test time.** This includes, but is not limited to, tooth brushing, mouth washing, gum chewing, drinking water, and tobacco use before your testing.
- On the day of your test, you MUST complete the university's self-screen before coming to the testing center. If you do not pass the self-screen, do not come to the testing center. This testing is NOT for symptomatic individuals. If you fail the self-screen or are otherwise experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms, immediately contact the university's COVID-19 call center (314-362-5056) or Habif Health & Wellness (314-935-6666). Not following preparation guidelines could result in the delay of your testing and your move-in.

COMPLETING YOUR ENTRY TEST:

- Students and those accompanying them will arrive directly to the Danforth Campus Surveillance Testing Facility located on Mudd Field (located behind of Simon Hall and the Danforth University Center (DUC) as their first stop (do not go to Residential Life on the South 40 or Village) to complete their entry test.
- Belongings should remain in the vehicle and **only the student** should enter the facility to complete their testing. Once inside, students will complete COVID-19 testing and additional paperwork administered by Habif Health and Wellness Center employees.
- **BRING** a form of identification and smartphone/tablet/laptop to register electronically.
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- Immediately following the completion of your entry test, Residential Life staff members will be present to distribute your room key and red wristband that indicates that you have completed your check-in. **The wristband is required to be worn through January 25.**
- Once you have received your room key and wrist band, please proceed to your residence hall to complete your move-in.
- Once you have completed your move in, remain quarantined in place until your test results are returned. Leave only for grab-and-go meal options available from Dining Services.
- **Parking Information:** When arriving to Mudd Field, vehicles can park in either the DUC parking garage or at the top of the Snow Way parking garage. Pull an entrance ticket upon entry and park in a visitor designated space. Please be sure to bring your entrance ticket with you to the testing site. **Once you have completed your test, your entrance ticket will be used to validate your parking for up to 2 hours or $1.** That same entry ticket will then be used upon exit from the DUC Garage and will take into account the credit of $1 from the total amount owed. Do not park in the Simon Hall lot or Sumers Recreational lots to receive testing or move-in - you will subject to tickets.
- **Luggage Check:** Luggage check will be available in Ursa's Nite Life on all available check in dates and times. If you are traveling by rideshare and in need of a place to host your luggage, please plan to arrive at Shepley Drive (6614 Shepley Drive - Ursa's Nite Life will be on the left) to first drop off your luggage and proceed on foot to Mudd Field for testing. You can retrieve your luggage following your testing. You will need to present your red wristband.

MOVING INTO YOUR RESIDENCE HALL

- **New Students who have completed their entry test,** should proceed to Shepley Drive (off of Big Bend in Clayton) to unload at your building. Temporary parking to unload will be available in Shepley and Wallace Garage.
- **Returning Students who have completed their entry test,** should proceed to their appropriate buildings to unload. Residents living on the Northside will park in the Snow Way garage to unload their items. Residents living in off-campus apartments will unload at their respective buildings.
- **Bins and dollies will not be available for use due to COVID-19.**
WHILE WAITING FOR YOUR TEST RESULTS:

As a reminder, the processing time for tests is approximately 24-36 hours. Negative results will be emailed directly to the student’s WUSTL email account. Positive results will be communicated directly to Habif medical staff, who will then contact the student by phone and follow the established protocol for isolating students.

Students who have completed their check-in, received their test, and are moved into their residence hall are expected to quarantine in place in their assigned space until they have received their test results. This means that students are expected to remain in their room and not travel outside of the residence halls – including trips to the store or dinner with family.

DINING WHILE YOU QUARANTINE IN PLACE:

Students who have completed their check-in will have dining available in the form of grab-and-go meal options in Bears Den and the DUC. There will be no seating in any dining facilities. Grab-and-go options will be provided through Sunday, January 24.

Follow the Dining Services website closely. All guidelines and public health recommendations should be followed when retrieving meals.