



## **Office Of Residence Life: COVID-19 and Public Health-Informed Policies (addendum to Housing Contract 2020-2021):**

Holy Family University aims to deliver its mission while protecting the health and safety of our students and minimizing the potential spread of disease within our community. Health and safety on a university campus is a shared responsibility for all involved. All students, employees, vendors, volunteers, and visitors will be subject to new policies, procedures, and oversight designed to promote a safer and healthier environment for teaching, learning, and working, including strategies to protect individuals at higher risk for developing adverse outcomes of COVID-19. As a residential student, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus or similar public health crisis (“COVID-19/COVID”) will impact your housing experience as Holy Family University continues to make public health-informed decisions. The below policies and guidelines are in conjunction with your Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and 2020-2021 housing contract agreement and are applicable to all residential students. We will continue to update all residents as information changes. Students should check their Holy Family University email accounts daily in order to stay informed.

1. Please note that by agreeing to live in the residence halls during the COVID-19 pandemic, you are assuming and accepting the increased risk that comes with living in this type of shared or congregate housing environment. We encourage students to make the decision that is safest for them and ask those with underlying health conditions to consider commuting until the pandemic has subsided. You, the student, hereby agree to hold harmless and release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Holy Family University for any and all claims for liability on account of death or injury to person or property of Student of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with Student’s use, occupation, or other activity resulting from Student entering into the Contract, even though the claim or liability may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of Holy Family University, or any third person, whether foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown.

2. Health and Safety: We expect that all members of the Holy Family community—residents, staff and visitors—act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them, including respect and consideration for the health and safety of all community members. All residential students are prohibited from creating a health or safety hazard within on-campus housing and the University may request or require a resident to leave if their continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk to themselves or community members. Residential students are required to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations and health and safety guidance adopted by the University as it relates to public health crises, including COVID-19. This guidance will evolve as the public health crisis evolves and may include, but is not limited to, social distancing, limitations on mass gatherings, wearing a face covering, COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing (including before or upon arrival to campus), contact tracing, disinfection protocols, limitations on guests in residence halls, and self-quarantine / self-isolation requirements (including before or upon arrival to campus). Adherence to health and safety requirements applies to all residents, staff, and visitors and extends to all aspects of residential life, including bedrooms, bathrooms, community kitchens, lounges, computer rooms, hallways, and other common spaces.

- a. Students must provide their own cloth masks, gloves, thermometer, cleaning products, and sanitizers
- b. Students are only permitted to use the bathroom within their room/suite/apartment or on the floor of their assigned single (St. Joseph’s Hall).

- c. Students must test themselves or conduct a self-screening for COVID-19 daily to ensure they're symptom free. Specific guidelines will be distributed by the Office of Residence Life prior to housing opening and these guidelines will be posted in the residence halls. These guidelines and requirements provided by the university and/or health department for self-screening and/or testing require full adherence by the student and/or visitor.
- d. Students should not share any food or cookware, and should use only a private, micro-fridge for themselves that they bring (max. 3 cubic feet), and/or use their own cabinet space for storing their kitchen items (GAR apartments).
- e. The University does not supply 24-hour care and medical support to any student with any medical needs that arise due to COVID-19 or any other reasons.
- f. Students must leave furniture in their rooms set up as is and may not move it into common spaces of the shared suite/apartment. All beds are set up to be as far apart as possible, in keeping with social distancing
- g. The University will not be removing or adding furniture to any rooms and students must leave furniture as is and may not remove it themselves. In shared rooms, students should lay head to foot and then foot to head, in order to properly social distance.
- h. Students should make every effort to practice social distancing and wear masks when off campus and/or at any social gatherings, including civic engagement events. Any events on campus must follow social distancing and other guidelines, whether inside or outside.
- i. If an employee of a local or state health department or any healthcare provider recommends or orders a COVID-19 antibody, COVID-19 PCR test, serology and/or another COVID-19 test, the student is required to complete the testing as ordered and report the results to Holy Family University's Health Services Department.

3. Self-Quarantine / Self-Isolation / Separation: Students who test positive for COVID-19 are required to inform Residence Life and Health Services staff immediately and must follow all guidelines given by the local and state health department, health providers, and the University. Failure to do so will result in immediate removal from the residence halls. Students who test positive for COVID-19 who live within 60 miles must immediately make arrangements to go off campus in a personal vehicle for a minimum of 14 days of self-quarantine. Students who live outside of that radius, who don't have a personal vehicle available, or who can't go home due to flights, etc. must notify the Office of Residence Life immediately and make arrangements for self-quarantine in the designated location by the University. At any time, the University may request or require a resident to leave housing when that resident's continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk for self or for community members. Removal from housing to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of a residential student's housing contract and refunds will not be given for time spent off campus, or in an alternately assigned location, in self-isolation or self-quarantine.

- a. Students who are living in Stevenson Lane Residence or Garden Apartments agree that by living together with other students within a suite or apartment, that if one person becomes symptomatic or gets COVID-19, they are considered a family unit and all may be asked to self-isolate or self-quarantine.
- b. Students living in St. Joseph's Hall may be asked to self-quarantine or self-isolate if a member who shares a bathroom or common space becomes symptomatic or COVID positive.

c. If an employee of the local or state health department or any healthcare provider recommends or orders self-isolation or self-quarantine, the student is required to complete the order in adherence with university's requirements.

4. Dining Services: Dining service, including where and how it will be offered to residential students, is subject to the discretion of the University and is subject to modification to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance adopted by the University, dining options, as well as hours, may be limited. The University reserves the right to make operational changes and adjustments as needed, in order to satisfy all health and safety concerns. The cost of the meal plans will remain the same and will be announced prior to students confirming housing. If a student has a food allergy or sensitivity, the student must notify Dining Services of it prior to move-in and before every food delivery.

6. Cleaning: Holy Family University will continue to implement and modify its cleaning protocols to address COVID-19 or other public health emergencies in the interest of minimizing the spread of sickness. The Office of Residence Life will educate and inform residential students on appropriate cleaning protocols within their assigned spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within residence halls. In addition, cleaning staff will be focused on cleaning shared spaces more often, such as elevators, handrails, door handles, etc.

7. Judicial Process: Students who are found to have violated policies and procedures during COVID-19 will have the right to a hearing, in keeping with the University's normal judicial process. The University reserves the right to schedule virtual hearing processes, and students have the right to request a virtual hearing. A student who is negligent during this time on campus, and/or who does not follow policies and/or puts themselves or others at risk, may be asked to leave housing at any point without a refund. Students found responsible for violations where the sanction is removal from campus housing are not issued refunds.

a. The University will be updating policies to enhance the health and safety measures for all residents.

b. All changes will be posted and emailed to students so that they're aware.

c. Activities and social interactions/programs may be limited due to regulations and students will be responsible for occupying their time and energy in a healthy manner.

d. Students will be placed in rooms by the Office of Residence Life and will be emailed their assignment by the last week of July/first week of August. All room prices will be shared prior to students confirming housing. All students are required to complete a roommate agreement, except for those in single rooms in St. Joseph's Hall. Moving of assignments will be considered only in extreme circumstances and is at the discretion of the Office of Residence Life.

e. No guests will be permitted within the residence hall, including parents/guardians/siblings, for any reason. **Resident students may visit within their own residence hall, until 12am and no overnight stays will be permitted.** All guests need to be agreed upon by all suite/apartment-mates. Maximum of one guest per person at a time is permitted. All must wear masks when outside of their bedroom and when a guest is present in a bedroom or the common area of a suite/apartment. The Office of Residence Life can amend or change these policies at any time and residents will be informed through their Holy Family email accounts of any changes.

f. Security may ask students to show their face if they are unable to confirm identity and/or if the student doesn't have an ID to present. Social distancing will be enforced at all times possible.

g. Anyone can be denied entrance for not showing a proper student ID when trying to enter the residence hall.

h. If a student loses their mask(s) it is their responsibility to find a replacement or to request one through Residence Life staff. The Office of Residence Life staff will only replace one lost mask per student – as supplies allow.

8. Termination. Holy Family University reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID. In the event housing contracts are cancelled due to public health concerns, Holy Family University will offer fair and reasonable reimbursements for impacted students, as appropriate, and based on information available at that time. **Natural Disasters:** In the event of an unforeseeable cause beyond the control of and without the negligence of the University, including but not limited to fire, flood, other severe weather, acts of God (Force Majeure), interruption of utility services, acts of terrorism, the University reserves the right to maintain the safety of the premises by any means, including but not limited to temporarily or permanently removing the Student from on-campus housing.

**Termination of Contract During Emergencies:** If a part of or all on-campus housing is closed due to an emergency or natural disaster, the University may terminate the housing contract and the addendum without prior notice. In no event shall the University be obliged to provide funds for traveling home, packing up and storing/moving of student items, or rebuilding or replacing any affected items.

By agreeing to live in the residence halls during the COVID-19 pandemic, I agree that I am taking on an inherent, increased risk and that I will follow all rules and regulations when in the residence halls. I understand that if I test positive or show symptoms, and am ordered to self-isolate or self-quarantine, that I will follow all instructions as given. I understand that lying or refusing to report the status of my condition will be grounds for immediate termination from the residence halls.

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*If under 18, please have a parent/guardian sign below in addition to your own signature.

**Parent/Guardian Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_