

University of Central Florida Department of Housing and Residence Life Addendum to 2020-2021 Housing Agreement

As you know, these are challenging and unprecedented times. The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and the State of Florida declared a public health emergency due to COVID-19. COVID-19 is a highly contagious and potentially severe illness. According to the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), COVID-19 is spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person.

*The University of Central Florida (UCF), including the UCF Department of Housing and Residence Life (DHRL), holds as paramount the health and welfare of our community. Yet, we all must acknowledge that UCF cannot guarantee a COVID-19 free environment, and it would be false to suggest otherwise. Moreover, taking steps to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and its spread is the shared responsibility of every Knight in our UCF community and every resident in our Residential Communities. As we welcome residential students back to campus for the 2020-2021 year, we know changes in our Residential Communities will be required to follow COVID-19 health and safety standards and guidance for community living. Acknowledging that these precautions will change the traditional UCF residential life experience, we are issuing this Addendum to the UCF 2020-2021 Housing Agreement to provide students with greater detail about these shared obligations, what they may expect, and how changes may impact their residential experience in the coming year. **Please take time to carefully review each item and respond with your acceptance or rejection of these terms, as further explained below. Action on your part is required.***

Additional Terms, Conditions and Responsibilities for 2020-2021 Housing Agreement:

1. Community Health and Precautions.

- A. The Student acknowledges the inherent and elevated risk associated with living in a community environment such as the UCF Residential Communities, and the Student's shared obligation to prioritize health precautions for the benefit of the entire community.
- B. The Student acknowledges they have considered their own personal health status and increased risk factors inherent with community living, including the risk of COVID-19, when deciding to live in a UCF Residential Community. The Student acknowledges that UCF is not responsible for any medical or other expenses associated with any damage or injury Student may sustain, and that UCF does not maintain any insurance pertaining to potential illness Student may develop or damage Student may sustain from living in the UCF Residential Communities.
- C. The Student acknowledges that if they choose to live in a double occupancy room, the risk of contracting COVID-19 may be increased due to the closer proximity to another person.
- D. The Student agrees to adhere to UCF expectations intended to minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19 consistent with public health guidance, including, but not limited to, practicing social distancing and wearing appropriate face coverings or masks per UCF policy.
- E. The Student acknowledges their responsibility to keep personal living space in a sanitary condition and to adhere to sanitation standards in shared spaces. UCF DHRL staff retain the right to conduct inspections of the living space.
- F. The Student acknowledges they may be required to submit to symptom checking or COVID-19 testing to access the residential community.
- G. The Student agrees to disclose to Student Health Services immediately upon notification of positive COVID-19 test status or contact from Florida Department of Health about exposure and instruction to isolate.
- H. The Student agrees to comply with University and/or public health direction requiring or advising isolation (such as if Student tests or is presumptive positive for COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone who has tested or is presumptive positive for COVID-19). Isolation may require removal from assigned room, building, or campus. Isolation does not constitute cancellation of the Housing Agreement. UCF reserves the right to make changes in room assignments as necessary due to the pandemic.

- I. Students are required to comply with all laws, orders, ordinances, policies, regulations, and guidance adopted by UCF or DHRL as it relates to COVID-19. This guidance may evolve as circumstances warrant. DHRL may require student to leave housing in the event the Student's continued presence poses a health or safety risk to the residential community.
2. General Terms and Provisions
- A. The Student acknowledges the University may restrict the full use of spaces and amenities within the residential community including, but not limited to:
 - a. No guests or visitors, at any time, including overnight, are permitted.
 - b. Access to residential spaces is restricted to residential students, UCF staff, and approved vendors.
 - c. Residents may only enter the residential building to which they are assigned unless otherwise posted (i.e., to access services such as mailroom laundry, or staff offices.)
 - d. Residents may only have one other building resident as a guest in their assigned room.
 - e. Access to and use of community amenities/space may be restricted or limited in capacity (community space, offices, lounges, kitchen, laundry rooms, elevators, etc.)
 - B. The Student acknowledges that Resident Assistants may have limited face to face contact with residents.
 - C. The Student acknowledges the Agreement start and end dates and the length of Agreement may be adjusted to align with the University academic calendar.
 - D. The Student acknowledges Student-initiated room change requests may be restricted or limited.
 - E. UCF has announced a plan to move to online instruction as of Thanksgiving, but leave Residential Communities open for student residents. The Student acknowledges that Student will remain liable for housing costs for that period and the University will not refund rents and fee(s) for that period.
 - F. In the event of a conflict between the above Addendum and the original Agreement, this Addendum will apply.

UCF and DHRL are committed to supporting our students in their return to campus during this unprecedented time and recognizes the value of the on-campus residential experience. The above information has been provided to allow students to make an informed decision about living in UCF Residential Communities for the 2020-2021 school year. While the above is intended to provide some detail, there may be additional modifications needed as the year progresses and we track the impact of COVID-19 on our residential community and campus. As always, we will update you with timely information about specific health and safety guidance important for our residential community.