

**FALL 2020  
REOPENING PLAN**



**HOUSING**

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Housing capacity and density will be reduced throughout the University's traditional residence halls, suite-style buildings, and apartment complexes.

- The total maximum occupancy for housing is 2,050 beds, and the average occupancy will be less than 75% of total occupancy.
- All traditional residence halls will be limited to 73% of total capacity.
- Occupancy within all suite-style buildings will be reduced to 66% of total capacity, and apartment buildings, as well as those with a private bathroom, will be reduced to 87% of total capacity.
- Vacancies that are created by attrition will not be repopulated to further reduce density.

Common spaces, lounges, and study room utilization will be modified as follows:

- All small study rooms in Elmwood and Pinewood halls will be closed and locked.
- Hesse and Mullaney Hall study lounges will be closed.
- The Hawk's Den and Mullaney Hall fitness areas will be closed.
- All elevators will be limited to one person at a time.
- Basement areas within the halls will be closed for use.
- At no time will the lobby capacity in any hall exceed two students plus safety personnel.
- Communal baths will have appropriate barriers installed in the sink and urinal areas.
- The use of communal microwaves will be prohibited.
- Micro-fridges may be permitted within student rooms.
- All lounges and other common spaces in residence halls will be closed.

Additional outdoor space will be created to promote student interaction based on public health and State guidelines for outdoor events:

- Add appropriate outdoor spaces for overflow dining and student socialization/programming in accordance with open air and social distancing guidelines.

Signage, education, and updated COVID-19 information promulgation:

- Ample signage that addresses personal hygiene, social distancing, symptomology, foot traffic, and general assistance will be prominently placed within all housing and dining facilities.
- Information and resources will be shared via departmental social media on a regular basis.

Isolation housing for students who are COVID-19-positive who cannot return safely home:

- Utilize Cedar Hall West (48 beds on the west side of the residence hall) as designated isolation housing.
- Identify additional single apartments and University-owned single-family properties to be designated, if warranted.



- Students in isolation/quarantine will be supported by members of the COVID-19 Response Team for food, academic support, and medical assistance. (See also section under General Guidelines for Isolation Housing practices and protocols.)
- Students will be placed in isolation one at a time per suite/apartment to provide a private bathroom. There are 14 available. If it is necessary to use more beds, students will again be placed one at a time in each available suite or apartment to minimize the number of students in each unit/bathroom.

### Restrooms:

- Students residing in apartment-style housing will be advised on how to manage their living space to reduce exposure and maintain social distancing.
- Students on floors with shared bathrooms will participate in a daily schedule for bathroom use (personal hygiene) that will limit the number of students in a common bathroom at one time. No more than three students will be scheduled to use each area of the common bathroom.
- Students within suite-style halls will develop a schedule to share their bathrooms based on each other's academic and co-curricular schedules. These schedules must limit the occupancy of the facility to one person at a time.
- Students sharing a private bathroom will develop a schedule for use, based on each roommate's academic and co-curricular schedules. These schedules must limit the occupancy of the facility to one person at a time.

### Alter and redirect foot traffic and building entrances and exits:

- Wherever possible and safe, foot traffic for entering and exiting the halls is to be separated.

### Limit guests and visitors:

- Occupancy will be limited to residents of the specific building only. Guests are not permitted. Parents/guardians will be permitted on an exception basis.
- All food delivery persons will be prohibited from entering all lobbies.
- Non-Monmouth community members and commuter students are prohibited from entering the residence halls.
- All residents are limited to one guest within their private room provided that individual resides in the same building.

### Move-in/move-out process:

- Conduct a multi-day move-in and move-out process at the beginning and end of the semester. To ensure social distancing, Residential Life will assign resident students a specific time to move into campus housing throughout several days.
- Limit students to two "guests" to assist with the move-in or move-out process.
- Residents and their two guests helping with move-in will be required to complete a health



self-screen for symptoms on the day of move-in. The University will provide information on the self-screening process.

### Student Expectations:

- A behavioral expectation agreement for all resident students will be implemented, and students will not be permitted to move in without completing the document.
- The Student Code of Conduct will be amended to include COVID-19-related behavioral expectations and a range of sanctions to be imposed if students fail to adhere to those standards.

### Education and Training:

- All Residential Life personnel will complete a comprehensive educational module that details incident response, campus policies, behavioral expectations, housing protocols, the epidemiology of COVID-19, social distancing, and virus prevention.
- Resident students will be required to complete an educational module to learn about campus policies, behavioral expectations, housing protocols, the epidemiology of COVID-19, social distancing, and virus prevention. This online program is designed to protect our community's health and well-being.
- The Office of Residential Life will provide educational opportunities to all students following State and CDC guidance via online training modules and New Student Orientation.

### Quarantine/Isolation Meals:

For students in quarantine or isolation on campus, Gourmet Dining's plan is to provide and deliver meals to those in quarantine/isolation as directed by the University. The students, through the Transact App, will select their items of choice from the menu in Magill Commons, and a Gourmet Dining associate will deliver those meals to their respective rooms or agreed-upon delivery points.

- The delivery time range for each of the three meal periods will be: 9-9:30 a.m. for breakfast, 1-1:30 p.m. for lunch, and 5-5:30 p.m. for dinner. On weekends, brunch will be delivered from 10:30-11 a.m., and dinner will be delivered between 5 and 5:30 p.m.
- Gourmet Dining will work with the University to ensure all deliveries are carried out in compliance with the University's traffic flow plan for access in and out of buildings. Each Gourmet Dining associate will wear a mask and gloves throughout their time on campus and while making these deliveries.

### Established criteria for housing students to ensure an equitable education:

- Students who do not have a home to go to, or those for whom going home would be unsafe, given the circumstances of their home life.
- Students who are participating in face-to-face course work or similar educational experience and do not have access to public or private transportation.



- International students who have concerns that they would not be able to return to campus due to visa issues.
- Students who will have difficulty returning to their home, if their home state/country has been hard-hit by COVID-19.
- Student-athletes who are participating in approved team-sponsored activities.
- Students who are employed by the University and permitted to work.
- Students with documented disabilities that require on-campus housing as an accommodation.
- Students with substantial financial hardships and/or housing insecurities.
- Students who do not have adequate access to technology or other academic resources that allow the student to make academic progress during the term.
- Other, with the need being examined on a case-by-case basis.

### **QUARANTINE PROCESS FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF NEW JERSEY**

In compliance with Federal and State Guidelines, Monmouth University will be requiring all students entering New Jersey from outside the United States, or from the domestic states that fall under the New Jersey Advisory (currently 34 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico), to quarantine for a 14-day period prior to engaging with the campus community. Quarantine begins upon entry to New Jersey. There is no test-out option in New Jersey; this means you cannot use a negative COVID-19 test to opt-out of the 14-day quarantine. It's important to note that this list of states included in the advisory is updated regularly and can change at any time. Health Services in collaboration with Residential Life will provide quarantine guidance for students who originate from states that are added to this list and students who originate from states that are removed from this list.

Prior to coming to Monmouth, students are expected to review the states included in the New Jersey Department of Health Travel Advisory, make plans accordingly and commit to not interacting with others on campus until quarantining guidelines have been met.

Below are CDC quarantining guidelines:

- Staying at home or in your room (your place of quarantine)
- Not having visitors
- Staying at least 6 feet away from other people in your household
- Using standard hygiene and washing hands frequently
- Not sharing things like towels and utensils
- Wearing a mask when around others

Further, New Jersey guidance suggests that “individuals should leave the place of self-quarantine only to seek medical care/treatment or to obtain food and other essential items.” A mask or cloth face covering must be worn at all times when leaving home/room for any of these reasons. This is also University policy.



All students must adhere to these quarantine guidelines.

Students who plan to live on-campus fall 2020, who originate from one of these locations have three options to fulfill their quarantine:

### Option 1: Early Arrival for On-Campus Housing

Resident Students who plan to live on-campus fall 2020, who do not have arrangements in New Jersey to appropriately quarantine, will be accommodated on campus. Quarantine housing will be available for dates beginning Thursday, August 20 through Saturday, August 22. The cost of the room, including 14 days of 'to-go' meals, will be \$200 per week which will be billed to the students account. Students will be scheduled an arrival time on August 22 or August 23. The 'to-go' meal program will consist of brunch and lunch items, as well as a hot entrée for dinner. Students will pick up their meals twice daily.

Students should consider their arrival date, accounting for a 14-day required quarantine period before engaging with the community. Move-in dates will be approved based on the following timelines for engagement on campus.

Resident Student-athletes should plan the date of engagement based on guidance from their coach/es. All athletes must have their arrival approved by their coach/es; as well as the Deputy Director of Athletics.

Resident Students must identify their early arrival date for quarantine housing and related move-in time beginning August 7 via the MyMU portal. Qualifying students will be assigned a quarantine location. We will accommodate as many people in their permanent fall assignment as possible, but we may require quarantine in temporary locations to align with quarantine expectations in some cases (e.g. roommates cannot quarantine together, transition of spaces from summer occupants, etc.).

### Option 2: Hotel Accommodations

Students may contract with the Holiday Inn Express of West Long Branch to stay in a single room with a private bath. The rate for this option will be \$109 per night. This rate does not include taxes and meals. Students will arrange for a direct payment with the hotel property.

### Option 3: Normal Arrival

Students may choose to make their own accommodations to quarantine off campus in New Jersey for the duration of the quarantine period if their accommodations permit them to adhere to the quarantine conditions required as outlined above. In order to promote full adherence to the intent to quarantine guidance, students cannot split their quarantine period between off-campus and on-campus.

While on campus, students are required to maintain social distance from other students in accordance with New Jersey quarantine guidance. Students will be permitted to leave their



residence hall to pick-up meals and exercise individually, away from others. In addition to adhering to other quarantine conditions outlined above, students must wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times except when in personal rooms.

While in quarantine, students should conduct daily monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms and complete the required electronic symptom assessment tool. If a student develops COVID-19 symptoms, they should contact Health Services at 732-571-3464 for a COVID-19 testing appointment. Telehealth services for both medical and psychological needs will be available through Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services, respectively.

### Miscellaneous:

- Resident students who elect to remain home for the fall term and learn remotely may cancel their on-campus housing contract no later than August 15, 2020, without penalty and may reserve a housing assignment for the spring semester without a room deposit.

### Facilities Management and Cleaning Protocols for Residential Halls:

- Members of the Facilities Management team will be following the CDC guidelines, which state:  
“Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched. This may include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, etc.) Clean with the cleaners typically used. Use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label. Provide disposable wipes to staff and faculty so that commonly used surfaces (e.g., keyboards, desks, and remote controls) can be wiped down before use.”

In consideration of the above, the following protocols will be added to the general principles pertaining to cleaning and sanitation:

### General Considerations:

- Common restrooms in traditional halls: Cleaning will be performed twice per day, every day, using EPA-approved cleaning products.
- Private bathrooms – all apartments, Oakwood and Redwood: Students will be required to use approved disinfectants in shared private restrooms and private kitchens.
- Appropriate cleaning literature will be distributed. Students will be educated on cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
- Miscellaneous – all halls on campus: Additional cleaning of routinely touched surfaces will be added on a daily basis.

