



## Spring 2021 Housing Information

Rivier students will be welcomed back to campus housing for the Spring 2021 semester. We are asking for the highest level of cooperation and adherence to all policies, procedures, and standards outlined in University publications such as the student handbook, and all guidelines related to COVID-19 expectations.

Raiders will come together in ways that may be different from previous years at Riv. The University understands that limitations and requirements are challenging but necessary to keep all members of the Rivier community safe. Use of common areas and shared spaces will have increased safety procedures; guest policies are being redesigned; and new social norms will be developed by students and staff.

Spring housing information is included below. Additional information, changes, and updates will be provided to students electronically. Please email [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu) with any questions or concerns.

### MOVE-IN PROCESS

- Staggered check-ins on January 23 and 24 will be scheduled to reduce crowding.
- Students will register for a move-in time via unique link. Information will be distributed to students through Rivier email accounts.
  - There will be limits on numbers of move-ins in each building during each time period.
  - Guests are not allowed in the building during move-in; those with special requests/in need of assistance may contact [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu)
  - All those entering are required to use a mask or cloth face covering.
  - A pre-arrival COVID-19 test collected no more than five (5) days prior to arrival must be on file/emailed to [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu) before move in.

## TESTING AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED PROCESSES

- The University asks that all students take steps to limit their exposure risk in the 14 days prior to their arrival to campus.
- Rivier is partnering with a local agency for ongoing COVID-19 population testing throughout the semester.
- It is expected that resident students conduct the Daily Health Self-Assessment prior to leaving their room each day, including weekends and holidays. The Self-Assessment will be provided electronically through the SEMA4 app.
- The Daily Health Self-Assessment will include, but may not be limited to, the following questions with protocols related to responses. Those who do not clear the Daily Health Self-Assessment are asked to contact their primary care physician immediately to seek medical advice.
  1. In the last two weeks, did you care for or come in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
  2. Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, new onset of loss of taste and smell?
- All students are asked to have masks or cloth face coverings, a thermometer, and cleaning supplies for their living space. The University will support those students who need assistance with these supplies.

## COMMON AREAS AND SHARED SPACES

- Housekeeping will clean and disinfect common areas and shared areas daily; high touch areas (knobs, railings, entry/exit doors) will receive extra attention.
- Cleaning and disinfecting supplies (for before and after use of common areas such as bathrooms, laundry, lounges, etc.) will be provided in shared spaces for use by students.
- Common areas have posted notices of occupancy reduction, use of cleaning supplies, procedures on reporting problems, and instructions for reserving common areas.
- Group activities are permitted with reservation and allowed if all guidelines are followed (physical distance and use of masks/face coverings).
- Only building residents will be allowed at in-hall activities.
- Educational materials are posted throughout the building and will be updated as guidance is issued by the CDC, State of New Hampshire, and Nashua Public Health.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations have been installed in the residence halls.
- Plexiglass barriers have been installed at desks and in offices.
- Pool and ping pong tables are not available for use.

## HOUSING, HEALTH SERVICES, AND RESIDENCE HALL OFFICES

- Staff Offices will be open and limited occupancy maintained.
- Virtual student-staff interactions are encouraged; face-to-face meetings will be offered by appointment only.
- Use of computer, copy machine, and supplies is limited to staff at office hours and requires cleaning before and after use.
- Health Services will have open hours by appointment only. Health Services procedures will be provided electronically to each resident.

## RESIDENT STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Read and agree to the Raider Pledge available online at [www.rivier.edu/returntocampus](http://www.rivier.edu/returntocampus).
- Report symptoms of COVID-19 or a diagnosis to the Office of Student Life and Housing Services at [housing@rivier.edu](mailto:housing@rivier.edu).
- Follow guidelines from the State of New Hampshire, Nashua Public Health, and updated Rivier University policies.

- Maintain physical distancing, keeping a distance of at least six feet between one another whenever possible.
- Wear masks or cloth face coverings in public spaces including building entry areas, reception areas, common areas, classrooms, hallways, etc. Additionally, masks or cloth face coverings should be worn whenever 6 feet of physical distance is difficult to maintain for both indoor and outdoor spaces. Resident students who are alone or with their roommate in their room do not need to wear face coverings.
- Clean and disinfect your living area frequently.
- Create small social circles when dining, studying, socializing (roommates, hallmates, suitemates, etc.).
- Limit contact in common areas, following decreased density postings.
- Utilize best practices to keep you and others safe:
  - Use totes to move personal items to and from common areas to limit contact with shared surfaces in bathrooms, laundry rooms, kitchens, or lounges.
  - Respect occupancy limits.
  - Utilize cleaning products before and after use in common areas including knobs, buttons, handles, etc.
  - Do not leave personal items in common spaces.
- Complete the Daily Health Self-Assessment and seek advice of your healthcare provider, Rivier Health Services, or local clinics) if you are showing any signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Return home as soon as possible if you are sick, have any COVID-19 or influenza like symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 or Flu.

## GUESTS AND VISITORS

- Guests and on- or off-campus visitors are not allowed in the residence halls once the move in process is complete and throughout the fall semester.
- Only those who live in a specific residence hall may enter that building.
- Residents from other buildings can schedule appointments with housing and health services and then follow specific instructions to enter Guild Hall.
- If roommates agree, same-building visitors are permitted in rooms (as detailed below) between the hours of 8am and 12am during the week and 8am and 2am on the weekends. Until further notice, no overnight stays are permitted.

**Brassard:** Students may have other Brassard residents in their suite. The occupancy of a double or triple room should not exceed 4 people; the occupancy of a single room should not exceed 2 people. The total occupancy of the suite should not exceed 11 people at any one time.

**Guild:** Students may have other Guild residents in their room. The occupancy of a double room should not exceed 4 people; the occupancy of a single room should not exceed 2 people.

**Trinity:** Students may have other Trinity residents in their room. The occupancy of a double or triple room should not exceed 4 people; the occupancy of a single room should not exceed 2 people.

**Presentation:** Students may have other Presentation residents in their room. The occupancy of a double room should not exceed 4 people; the occupancy of a single room should not exceed 2 people.

- When hosting other residents of the same building in your room, it is recommended that all students wear masks or face coverings and practice physical distancing.
- All other University policies remain in effect.

## DINING SERVICES

- Dining options, provided by Sodexo Campus Services, will offer reduced seating capacity, increased cleaning and sanitation protocols, additional grab and go options, and the potential for alternate kiosk locations.
- Click [here](#) to check out the new ordering apps and other Sodexo plans

## TRAVEL TO AND FROM CAMPUS

- There are potential risks with any travel to and from the University. We ask that students limit travel, especially to areas considered by the CDC to be [high risk or hot spots](#).
- Students who do travel to high risk areas are asked to self-isolate/quarantine for 14 days prior to returning to campus.

## ON- AND OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

- We understand that many Rivier students must work in order to attend school and therefore we do not restrict traveling to and from jobs on and around campus or in the surrounding communities.
- Students are expected to follow all state and local guidance while on and off campus.