

University Housing

Talking points on student move-in and COVID testing. Fall 2020

Important Dates:

August 10-11: COVID Testing and Early move-in for students approved to arrive early

August 12-23: COVID Testing and Move-in dates for students living on campus. Students need to go to the signup Genius link provided in their email from Housing and reserve a day and time to arrive. They will also need to go to the link for COVID Testing to sign up for their appointment to take their test prior to their arrival at the residence halls.

COVID-19 Testing:

- I do not have my ID card yet, will I need it?
Yes. You will need it for testing, for checking into the residence hall and for dining. You can order your ID online or may be able to obtain it at the Tucker Civic Center on the outside plaza when you stop there for your COVID test.
- Do I need to have an appointment to take a COVID test? What if I forget to do that?
You will need to preregister for the COVID test. The form you complete online will provide your information, your insurance information, and the day and time you will arrive. If you forget to preregister, you will probably not be able to test the day you arrive to move in.
- Where will students be tested?
The Tucker Civic Center, in the exhibition hall on the south end of the Center. Park in the lot and go to the south end nearest St. Augustine Street. Watch for the signs.
- What if I don't test the day I want to move in? Will I be able to get into my hall?
If at all possible, you should do your test before moving in. If you are late for testing or have not scheduled it when you arrive, go to the residence hall you will be living to check in. Staff there will do a screening of health questions for you to advise on whether you should quarantine in your room or not. You will need to register and schedule the COVID test to be done as soon as possible.
- Can a student take a test prior to coming to campus and bring their test results to move in?
No. FSU expects all resident students to take the test on site in the Civic Center.
- What if the student cannot take a COVID test for medical reasons, or has been recently tested as positive and has been in isolation at home?
A student who needs an exemption from taking the test on campus will need to send an email to [University Housing](#) with a letter from your physician. The letter should be on the physician's letter head and state the date you are cleared to move into the residence hall. Make sure the physician's contact information is included. Go to the [University Health Services' website for Coronavirus information](#) to read more about the COVID testing protocol.

- When should I plan to take the COVID test?
The student should schedule their test for the same day they have scheduled to move into the residence hall. The test will need to be taken prior to going to the residence hall to move in. It should be the first stop when arriving in Tallahassee.
- What can I expect at the COVID Testing site?
You will check in as you enter Tucker Civic Center and confirm you have an appointment. You will be screened before entering the testing site regarding your current health status and your possible exposure to others. You will then be given instructions on how to self-swab for your test. As you check-out, you will be given information to go to the residence hall to move-in.
- I do not understand why you are allowing students to test and then move into their room. If the test comes back positive, then all roommates have been exposed. Why? Since we are testing each student as they arrive, we cannot separate all into separate living areas waiting on test results. We are using the FSU lab for these tests and should have a result within 24 hours. Our policy for this year is that students who think they have been exposed and/or have taken a test and are awaiting results will quarantine in their assigned rooms with their roommates / suitemates. If any of them receive a positive test, then the student who is positive will be moved to the isolation location.

Move-in:

- Where do I go to get my keys and move in?
After the student has had a COVID test or has been at the Civic Center, the student will need to stop by the Student Affairs / Housing table as they exit to get what is needed for the residence hall. The student can then go directly to the residence hall where they will live to check-in after leaving the Civic Center.
- Where will I park?
Pull up to the area designated for unloading. The student will go to the front desk to get their key. All other guests will stay with the vehicle to unload. A guest with the student should go ahead and move the car from the unloading zone to park it in designated parking areas. If you are alone, you will have your assigned move-in hour to unload and take your belongings to your room before you must move your vehicle.
- Will there be anyone at the residence hall to help me move in?
No. Staff will be there to greet you, give directions, and check you in but will not be moving your belongings. Unfortunately, due to the risk of exposure, we are not asking volunteers to help unload your car and move your belongings. You will need to do that.
- Can I bring people to help me?
Yes, you may have 2 people help you move into the hall. Everyone must be wearing a mask or cloth face covering.

- What if I go shopping that day and need to unload again?
You will need to park in the parking areas designated for students living on campus and will not be able to pull to the curb by your hall again until after move-in hours (5pm).

Dining Available:

- Where will I be able to get food before Classes start?
 - Starting August 12 Suwanee and Subway will be open.
 - Starting August 17: Starbucks opens
 - August 24 (first day of class): The Den, Steak & Shake, Einstein, & ChickFilA open
 - Stay tuned for what venues in 1851 will open and when