

FSU Housing- Fall 2020 Contract Addendum Update- Important!

Dear NAME,

We are writing to keep you updated on University Housing information for Fall 2020 opening. Please read the contract addendum below which modifies the original contract you signed for Fall 2020/Spring 2021. If you would like to opt out of the contract, you can cancel on the housing [portal](#) through July 16.

Additional FAQs about Fall 2020 are listed at the bottom of this email. Thank you for your continued patience through the fall planning efforts.



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Fall 2020/Spring 2021 Florida State University Housing Contract Addendum

COVID-19 and congregate housing. Florida State University holds as paramount the health, safety and welfare of every member of its community. Although Florida State University has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, Florida State University cannot guarantee that a student will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19 while living in on-campus facilities. Further, living on campus could elevate the risk of contracting any contagious illness simply due to the dense populations in the residence halls. Every member of our community, including students, must do their part to minimize exposure. This means adhering to national, state, local health guidelines and requirements, and all measures Florida State University deems safe and appropriate for its campus. Each resident understands that if by returning to a physical campus of FSU and living in the residence halls, there is a risk of being exposed to or contracting COVID-19.

Health and Safety. We expect that all members of the FSU Housing 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 FSU University Housing and FSU may request or require a resident to leave FSU Housing if their continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residential students are required to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations and health and safety guidance adopted by FSU or FSU Housing as it relates to public health crises, including COVID-19. These may include COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing (including before or upon arrival to campus) and reporting, contact tracing,

disinfection protocols, limitations on guests into residence halls, and quarantine / 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 housing, including bedrooms, bathrooms, community kitchens, lounges, computer rooms, courtyards and other common spaces. You agree to do all of this not just for yourself, but for the safety of others, and because this is consistent with the spirit of FSU.

Additional terms, conditions and responsibilities for the 2020-2021 FSU Housing Contract:

- Student acknowledges the inherent elevated risk associated with living in a community environment and the student's shared obligation to prioritize health and safety for the benefit of the entire campus community.
- Student acknowledges that they have considered their own personal health status and any increased risk factors when deciding to choose to live on campus.
- Student agrees to abide by University safety policies, procedures and directives intended to minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- Student agrees to wear masks, when required by the University, when indoors and on-campus, including residence halls, unless eating/drinking or in individual residence halls rooms.
- Student agrees that as a condition of living on campus to provide any requested documentation of their COVID-19 status to University Health Services or take a COVID-19 test as requested upon arrival or shortly thereafter, or at other times at the University's request.
- Student acknowledges and agrees that if they have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 and/or tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to inform University Housing immediately and isolate for at least 14 days. University Housing may request or require a resident to move temporarily into areas designated for isolation if the resident's presence poses a health or safety risk for the community. If that occurs, and based on facility availability, the University may provide facilities suitable for such isolation during the required quarantine time period. Isolation does not constitute cancellation of the housing contract. Student must receive a negative test and inform the University of the negative test before returning to their assigned residence hall room.
- Student agrees that University Health Services is authorized, pursuant to a HIPAA Authorization that Student shall be requested to sign, to share with University Housing and the Department of Student Support Services and Dean of Students if, as a result of a COVID-19 test, a student is "not cleared" to live in their assigned residence hall to expedite a temporary isolation housing assignment. Only the name and student ID of a student who is "not cleared" will be released.
- Student acknowledges the building or room assignment may be changed prior to arrival or at any time during the term of the Contract as is deemed necessary for health and welfare of residents.

- Student acknowledges that student-initiated room change requests may be restricted or limited after occupancy.
- Student acknowledges that cleaning and sanitizing the room, bath and other areas in the unit is the responsibility of the residents living in the suite / apartment. The students will be responsible for providing their own cleaning product and tools to maintain a clean environment within the unit.
- Student agrees to follow all guidelines for social distancing policies including restrictions on congregating in residence hall rooms and common areas such as lounges.
- Student acknowledges that some amenities and services may be restricted for safety, including but not limited to common kitchens/appliances, and lounge spaces.
- Student understands that guest policies have changed See the [Residence Life](#) Guidelines for more explanation on the guest policy for 2020-21.)
- The University reserves the right to make additional and/or to modify existing policies, procedures and regulations as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. The University agrees to make every reasonable effort to inform resident students of any regulation changes or pertinent policy information.
- FSU and FSU University Housing reserve the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs.
- In the event that the University closes the student's residence hall due to causes beyond the University's reasonable control, including but not limited to epidemics, pandemics, war, embargoes, fire, earthquakes, acts of God, actions or inactions of governmental or university authorities, forced closure of facilities, hurricanes, and other serious weather events, such action shall not be considered a default, delay or failure to perform by Florida State University and the student shall not be entitled to a contract cancellation, release, or any refund of any housing fees or payment or any other contract damages.

In the event of a conflict between this Addendum and the 2020-2021 Housing Contract, this Addendum will prevail.

If the student (and his/her parent/legal guardian, if the student is under 18) understands and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this Addendum, no additional action is necessary. If the student declines to accept the terms and conditions of this Addendum, the student may opt-out of living on campus for the 2020-2021 year by submitting a request for cancellation in writing to University Housing by Thursday, July 16, 2020 and such cancellation will be without penalty. If no cancellation request is received by the deadline noted above, the student agrees to the terms and conditions of this Addendum and to the 2020-2021 Housing Contract.

Current Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What changes have been made to housing assignments due to COVID-19?

A: Rogers Hall will be offline to be used as isolation space when needed. We will not be assigning three students to triples unless they already have a mutually requested triple group. Otherwise, our rooms will be assigned as usual, which means that most students will have a roommate in a double room and will share a bathroom with another roommate pair in a suite.

Q: Can I cancel my contract to live off-campus or at home for fall?

A: You can cancel your housing contract on the housing [portal](#) through **July 16** without penalty. If you cancel, it is for the year. We do not currently know what the availability of spring housing will be, a lot will depend on how safety guidance changes over the fall term for campus, Tallahassee, and the state.

Q: I'm a new student. When will I know my fall assignment?

A: New student assignments will be available on the housing [portal](#) by July 23. You will see your building, room, roommate and suitemate information.

Q: How is move in going to work?

A: Move in will be spread over ten days to keep the number of people moving in at the same time to a minimum. Students will sign up for a move in day and time for their assigned building. We will email the link to sign up for move in by July 23. General move in will start August 13 and go through August 23. Students can bring a maximum of two helpers, masks will be required for everyone. More details on move in are coming soon.

Q: How are you handling guests during the fall term?

A: Students are permitted one guest at a time between 12pm (noon) and 12am (midnight). Guests can only be students who are also living on campus, no off-campus guests are allowed. Students must have the permission of their roommate to have guests. See page 16 of the [Guide to Residence Living](#) for more information about guests.