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Housing & Dining Recommendations

Dear UNI Campus Community,

The Forward Together steering committee has approved the following guidance for on-campus residence halls and dining facilities based on recommendations from the Housing and Dining committee, chaired by Nick Rafanello.

Residence Halls

- In an effort to reduce congestion in the halls during move-in, students are able to select from two different move-in options, signing up for a move-in window of two hours with no more than three guests to assist. This will spread the move-in process out across a two week period.
- Students will be required to wear a face covering within the residence halls when traveling outside of their room.
- Guests in student rooms will be limited to double the occupancy. For example, students living in a double room will each be allowed only one guest at a time.
- Common gathering spaces, such as student lounges, recreation rooms and laundry facilities will have reduced capacities to accommodate social distancing guidelines in order to maintain six feet of separation.
- There is a limited number of single rooms available, should a student wish to modify their reservation from a double to a super single room.
Email residence@uni.edu with questions and to make a request.
- There will be designated on-campus spaces for both quarantine and isolation should a student test positive for COVID-19 or be exposed to a person who is believed to be positive or symptomatic. Students may also choose to return to their permanent residence for the quarantine or isolation period. A plan for meals has also been included in the procedures developed for these situations.
- Residence hall staff will offer a hybrid of both virtual and socially distanced programming within the halls in an effort to maintain the same on-campus living experience.

Dining Centers

- Seating capacity will be reduced to ensure ample physical space and access will be limited to meal plan holders only - no outside guests. To help reduce numbers in the dining centers, meal plan participants can eat in the dining center, get any

meal to-to or grab a meal at a central location on campus during peak meal times.

- Face coverings will be required to be worn in the dining centers and are only to be removed when sitting and eating.
- To reduce cross traffic interaction, there will be one designated entrance into and one designated exit out of each of the dining centers. Additionally, students are asked to observe social distancing cues when waiting in line at the venues.
- Finger scan technology has been replaced with contactless scanners. Students will also have the option to self-swipe their ID card.
- Those dining in the dining centers will be required to get a new plate or cup each time they go through the service line.
- Upon finishing their meal and exiting the dining centers, students are asked to flip the CLEAN/DIRTY table placard that will be placed on each table alerting dining staff to clean and sanitize the table for the next use.

Throughout Department of Residence facilities, staff will be increasing routine cleaning practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Common bathrooms will be cleaned twice a day.
- High contact surfaces will be cleaned daily.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be distributed at all entrances and exits.
- Cleaning supplies will be available in all common spaces.
- Maintenance procedures will be contactless and spaces will be disinfected once complete.
- Water fountains will be turned off unless there is a touchless bottle filler which will remain available for use.

As we approach the start of the fall semester, please continue to monitor your email for updates and check the [Forward Together](#) website often. Emails such as this one will be archived on the [Campus Updates](#) section of the website for future reference.

Forward Together Steering Committee