



## Addendum

Every residential student has a vital role to play in reducing the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and keeping our campus community safe. The good news is that you're probably already familiar with these simple actions that can greatly reduce transmission of the virus.

This Addendum reflects changes to the Guide to Campus Living and outlines expectations of residents due to the current status of COVID-19. Please understand that as the pandemic evolves, Residential Life and Housing may need to make additional changes to our Campus Community Guidelines. Included here are the Guide to Campus Living and expectations for general health and safety for on campus living. Similar to all other rules and regulations, you are expected to comply with those outlined in this document; failure to do so may result in disciplinary action. Should the University, Residential Life and Housing, or the City of Huntsville's guidelines change, Residential Life and Housing/ the University will provide updates and notify residents of changes in the required protocol.

**If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, including those outlined on this page, you should contact AAMU Student Health Center (256.372.5800) as soon as possible for additional guidance. If you test positive for COVID-19, or are told by a healthcare provider that you are presumed positive for the virus, please notify Residential Life and Housing /or the Student Health Center.**

## General Health and Safety

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection have reported mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell

Keep in mind these health and safety tips: - Avoid contact with people who are sick.

- Avoid using elevators if possible.
- Practice physical distancing at all times.
- Wash your hands regularly, particularly after touching common surfaces.
- *If you do not have access to soap and water, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.*
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wear face coverings.

## Maintaining Physical Distance

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines physical distancing as “remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings and maintaining distance — approximately 6 feet or 2 meters — from others when possible.”
- Members of the campus community are expected to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from others when possible.
- Many campus buildings and spaces now have visible reminders encouraging physical distancing, such as floor tape and markers indicating 6 feet of distance, rearranged furniture, and signs indicating traffic flow. Please follow the signs directing traffic flow through building entrances, exits, elevators, stairs, and other common areas.
- When you are in your own room/suite/apartment, limit the number of individuals in one area to maximize physical distance at all times.
- Avoid using elevators if you can. If you must use an elevator, limit the number of riders to no more than 2 whenever possible.
- If you do need to be among and around other people, avoid hand-shaking, high-fives, and other greetings that require direct physical human contact.

## Residential Common Areas

- Residential common areas include building or community study rooms, lounges, laundry rooms, and lobby areas.
- Maximum occupancy in these spaces have been reduced (a maximum of 10 people) in order to allow for physical distancing. Check for signs indicating the revised occupancy number.

- Residents are required to maintain 6 feet of physical distance and wear face masks when using these facilities.
- Common areas will be sanitized by the Aramark cleaning staff on a regular basis, but it is recommended that residents wash their hands frequently, including before and after using spaces like laundry rooms and lobby areas.

## Visitors

For the health and safety of all students living in each residence hall/apartment community, residents will NOT be allowed any outside visitors. Only students who live in the residence hall/apartment community will have access to their own hall/apartment unit. This policy change is temporary and will be reviewed throughout the year in consultation with AAMU administration and medical professionals. **Please note:** Housing will impose an 11:00 p.m. curfew for the first few weeks of school.

## Package Delivery

All package delivery to Normal Hills will need to be delivered directly to a students' unit. The housing office Will Not accept any type of mail/ package delivery from DHL, FEDEX, UPS, or USPS.

## Face Covering Requirement

To comply with The Joint Commission and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines, as well as the city of Huntsville orders, all students, faculty, staff, and visitors are required to wear a mask of face covering in on-campus facilities. On-campus residents must wear a mask or face covering until entering their own room or apartment.

All AAMU students and employees should carry a mask or face covering with them at all times when on-campus.

**Please help protect yourself and others.**

## What to do if you become sick on campus?

If a student is sick, they should remain in their room and contact the Student Health Center at 256-372-5800 during regular business hours. If it is after hours, the student needs to contact 256-425-4201. For counseling after hours, the student should contact 256-372-4554.

We encourage all students to follow basic infection prevention precautions such as hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, wearing a mask when leaving the room, and staying at home/residence hall when sick.

## Keeping It Clean

### Bathrooms, Lounges, Kitchens, and more!

- All residents are required to clean their own bathrooms, as well as their apartment common areas (living rooms, kitchens, hallways, etc.). This includes sweeping, mopping and wiping down surfaces with approved disinfectant cleaners on a regular basis.
- All residents are required to provide their own cleaning supplies.
- Student Housing Housekeeping will regularly clean communal spaces (lounges, lobbies, elevators) in all residential buildings.
- Remember to wash your hands prior to and after preparing any food. Clean and disinfect food preparation and cooking surfaces immediately after use.
- When returning from a shopping trip, it is recommended to place all grocery bags on the floor, as opposed to the counters.

## Personal Laundry

- The CDC recommends washing clothes in the warmest appropriate water setting and drying them completely. Clean and disinfect your clothing hampers weekly.
- Do not shake out dirty clothes onto the floor or elsewhere to avoid distributing germs into the atmosphere.
- Reusable cloth face coverings should be washed regularly, per manufacturer's instructions
- Hands should be washed immediately after handling dirty laundry.

Maintaining a safe and healthy environment is a shared responsibility. We must all do our part to make sure that we protect ourselves and our fellow Bulldogs. Stay informed by frequently checking your AAMU student email for news from the University. For the latest updates from AAMU, visit <https://www.aamu.edu/campus-life/student-support/health-services/coronavirus/index.html>.