

COVID-19 IN RESIDENCE

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RESIDENCE BUILDINGS

Given the complexity of the COVID19 pandemic and the proximity of residence spaces, the University of Lethbridge gave careful consideration as to what we could reasonably make available to our students during this time. Residence continues to be in demand, but we must ensure our residents' safety first. With this in mind, we will experience a reduced capacity in residence. Our Fall 2020 residency capacity will be as follows:

- University Hall Residences will be closed
- In our apartments, there will one bathroom per two residents
- A total of 643 beds will be available to residents, with 32 isolation beds set aside for emergencies. This is in contrast to our normal 1015 beds.

MOVE-IN

With our residence move-in normally being our busiest and most exciting days in Residence, we have developed some procedures to ensure social distancing standards can be met during move-in. September 2020 Move-In will be conducted with the following guidelines:

- Staggered, multi-day move-in with appointment times for multiple move-in locations
- Only ONE person can accompany each student to assist with their move-in
- Moving carts will be sanitized between students
- Paperless – all signatures will be digital through email communication
- Temperature checks conducted at move-in prior to admittance to residence
- COVID screening questionnaire upon arrival

PREVENTING AND MANAGING COVID19

In the event a resident experiences symptoms or is required to quarantine, Housing Services has set aside self-containing units. The Residence Life team will address residents who report feeling unwell or have any COVID-19 symptoms. These students will be directed to [COVID Resources](#) and required to complete the UofL student illness self-registry. To learn more about how we will support our quarantining students please refer to [Quarantine in Residence](#).

In order to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, all students in residence must adhere to the following guidelines:

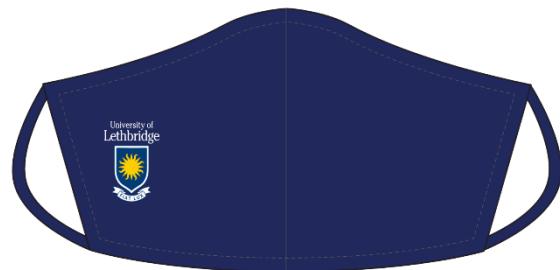
- Follow social distancing guidelines:
 - Masks are required in all common and shared community spaces (lobby, hallways, stairwells, laundry rooms, garbage room)
 - ⊖ Keep two meters away from others
 - Students in residence are prohibited from having guests during the pandemic
 - Gatherings and parties are not allowed in residence during this time
 - You are encouraged to use delivery or pick up services where possible
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least twenty seconds
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Symptoms include cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat
 - If you experience any of these symptoms, self-isolate immediately, then alert your facility's RAD
 - Sick individuals must be tested
 - If your condition deteriorates rapidly, seek medical help immediately
- Follow the policies outlined in the [Residence Community Handbook](#) and [Single Student License Agreement](#)
- Keep up-to-date on Alberta Government COVID-19 guidelines and rules

SAFETY IN PHYSICAL SPACES

Safety is always priority in our residences. This year, safety will have a whole new pandemic dimension. In addition to our usual measures, we will be implementing the following strategies.

EQUIPMENT

- Implementing personal protective equipment including:
 - Requirement of mask use by all staff and students
 - ID badges and lanyards indicating permission to be in facility
- Implementing environmental equipment:
 - Stanchions, tape and signage to guide movement
 - Plexi-glass shield at counters
 - Electrostatic fogging conducted in high traffic areas



MEASURES

- Increased cleaning and disinfection efforts in all residence buildings, especially focusing on high-touch points and high-traffic areas
- Continual review and modification of procedures to support Alberta Health Services
- Entrance and exit only points (one-way pedestrian traffic indoors)
- Social distancing standards
- Decreased occupancy to avoid overcrowding
- Indoor social spaces/common areas will be closed
- Two students per bathroom

REGULATIONS

- No guests will be allowed in residence
- Cross-facility interactions prohibited(phase I)/discouraged(phase II); i.e., Residents will not have access to other residence buildings beyond their own
- Parties, intramurals and other activities involving gathering large groups are prohibited

RESIDENCE LIFE AND COMMUNITY DURING COVID

The community we are proud to build in residence will unfortunately be impacted by the necessary measures and regulations we must implement in our spaces (see section [COVID19 in Residence](#)). Nonetheless, a positive residence community and experience will still be fostered.

RESIDENCE LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

- Outdoor social spaces will be safely used for events
- Student staff will focus on building community through virtual means including online games, Netflix parties, and floor wide video chats
- Microsoft Teams pages will allow sections to connect
- New ORS committee for virtual engagement formed
- Residence Life professional and student staff will support students who feel isolated
- Housing Services office will be open to serve students on weekdays



RESIDENCE LIFE CHALLENGES

- No guests to be permitted in residence
- Limited social or recreational in person activities
- Residence students will not have access to other residence facilities beyond their own
- Limited access to indoor social spaces
- Cabarets and intramurals will be cancelled
- Residence will be operating at a reduced capacity

DINING

There will be no dining plan this year. Limited food outlets will be open in the Students' Union food court.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Housing Services and the International Centre are working together to help International Students as they isolate for two weeks immediately after arriving in Canada. All individuals arriving from outside of Canada will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival; as such, students arriving from outside of Canada will be permitted to move into residence early in order to finish self-isolation prior to the beginning of classes. The Residence Life team will provide digital support for students in isolation. For more information on isolation, see [Self-Isolation in Residence](#) section. Please also connect with the [International Centre: international@uleth.ca](mailto:international@uleth.ca) | 403.329.2053 | SU060

SELF-ISOLATION IN RESIDENCE

Any incoming International residents required to self-isolate are welcome to conduct their 14 day isolation in residence, provided that [Isolation Requirements](#) and [Public Health Orders](#) are followed. This includes not leaving the unit where they are isolating for meals or other reasons. Isolating students on campus will be localized to assigned



units with individual kitchens and washrooms so isolation can be maintained at all times. If you become sick during the isolation period, you must isolate for at least 10 additional days from the beginning of symptoms or until you are feeling well, whichever takes longer. If you feel unwell or have any COVID-19 symptoms, please visit this [COVID Resources](#) page for more information on the student illness self-registry.

Our residence has designated rooms for isolation and procedures in place to support you.

- For your convenience, we have prepared [Self-Isolation Resources](#)
- Some campus services including Student Services, Academic Advising, International Student Advising and Campus Safety are available to you remotely
- If you are traveling or may need to isolate upon arrival, please email housing@uleth.ca

MAIL

Resident mail pick up will be moved from C420, University Hall to Parkway Services Complex.

ROOMS IN RESIDENCE

University of Lethbridge Housing Services residence will be open for Fall 2020. We encourage all interested students to [apply online](#).

**RESIDENCE HAS A ROOM
FOR YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS THIS FALL!**

ROOMMATE OPTIONS
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.



EMAIL HOUSING@ULETH.CA OR CALL
403.329.2584 TO BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION!