

October 16, 2020

Dear Carolina Housing residents and future residents,

In several past communications, we stated that we would provide you updates starting in October. While many decisions are not yet final, we want to share the information we have about the current and future on-campus living plans for the Spring 2021 semester and beyond. We will continue to send updates as University plans are finalized.

Update on Fall 2020 Semester

For the current semester, we have approximately 1,000 students residing on campus. Students living on campus are strongly encouraged to take advantage of free, weekly COVID-19 testing and we continue to provide isolation and quarantine housing to those who need it. As part of our commitment to supporting current residents' success, our Residence Education team has joined the [Residence Hall Association](#) (RHA) in offering a variety of virtual engagement opportunities. Additionally, many other offices and organizations are holding virtual programs and events open to all students. Check the [Carolina Housing web site's Events Section](#) or the [Heel Life web site](#) regularly for program details and schedules.

Update on Winter Break Housing for Current On-Campus Residents

Campus residence halls, Ram Village apartments, and Granville Towers will close over the Winter Break, except for students who have a continuing hardship and have received prior approval to remain on campus. ([Baity Hill Apartment Community](#) will remain open.) Based on the recently revised Spring Semester calendar, the halls will close on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 10 a.m. and reopen for move-in beginning on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 10 a.m.

In order to plan for Winter Break, we need every current resident to let us know their Break Housing needs. This information will be collected via a form in the [MyHousing Portal](#) that will be available soon. If you are leaving for Winter Break, please use that form to share your plans with us. If you would like to request to stay, you must complete the form so we can consider your request. Either way, all current residents should submit the form to advise us of their plans.

Once the form is available, we will send you additional information, including:

- A link to the Winter Break Housing Form
- Cost details and financial resources that are available to assist students
- On-campus services available from Carolina Housing, RHA, and other on-campus partners

Update on Spring 2021 Housing Plans

As the Chancellor recently announced, the University is currently planning for Spring Semester 2021. Carolina Housing is part of that planning process and RHA continues to be involved in a variety of advisory capacities. Once final decisions are made, we will communicate these plans and related housing options for our residents, including:

- Application process and timeline for Spring-only Housing Contracts
- Specifics on final number of students allowed back on campus for the Spring semester
- Details on Housing priority for students

We anticipate that current on-campus residents who have an approved Hardship request will continue to live on campus for Spring Semester.

Carolina Housing's mission centers around providing a convenient housing experience that is safe, inclusive, and supportive, while offering a welcoming home in our on-campus communities. As such, we are continuing to manage the impacts of COVID-19 and will provide quarantine and isolation housing, vigorously enforce the [Carolina Together Community Standards](#), and offer student engagement opportunities that are appropriate given the circumstances.

Update on Housing Selection for the 2021-2022 academic year – rising Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

At Carolina Housing, October is typically the time of year when we begin the Housing Selection application process for the upcoming academic year. And, just as nothing has been “typical” this year, we expect to open the Housing Selection for academic year 2021-22 in the spring. Later this semester, we will send you details about how you can “Relive Campus” – our Housing Selection for 2021-22. Here's your chance to relive all the amazing experiences you missed out on this year:



- Apply for Housing: Jan. 13, 2021 – Feb. 8, 2021
- Room Selection: Feb. 9 – 18, 2021
- A modified [Discover More](#) program, reimagined and customized specifically for this year's rising sophomore class, which offers the chance to rediscover all the opportunities for immersion into the Carolina Community. Our aim is to connect students to academic majors through programs and resources, offer upper-division RAs for a stronger connection, and focus on Wellness programs.
- Sophomore-Exclusive Buildings: we have identified premium and popular buildings that will be for the Sophomore class only. The following buildings have been chosen, with a consideration of adding more buildings based on demand: Morrison, Taylor (one of the Ram Village buildings), and McIver (priority for Honors Carolina students).



Current residents and former students who cancelled their housing contract for the Fall 2020 semester will be contacted directly with details once all Housing Selection plans have been finalized. Students, please check your email daily for communications and updates from Housing. Additionally, follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the late-breaking announcements. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to reach out: 919-962-5401 or housing@unc.edu

Stay well and take care,

Carolina Housing