



SPRING 2022 HOUSING CONDITIONS

The following is a revised summary of the residence hall COVID-19 policies that remain in place for the health and safety of our residential students and staff. Given the short incubation period and high transmission rate for the omicron variant, the University, in consultation with local public health experts, is altering several past protocols including on-campus isolation/quarantine housing and contact tracing.

Prior-to-Arrival Testing

As a reminder, prior-to-arrival testing is required for all students living in our campus residence halls. Thank you in advance for your efforts to be tested; we know for some of you that this process has been challenging because of testing availability. If you are able to obtain a test but do not receive the result prior to your return, you may move-in but need to remain in your room and leave for only essential purposes until you are able to receive your result. Once received, you must upload your results and report any positive result to Campus Health so proper follow-up and support can be provided. If you have tested positive within the past 90 days, you may also upload a copy of that test result and you will not be required to have a prior to arrival test.

COVID-19 Vaccinations and Boosters

Getting your COVID-19 vaccine and booster are the best way you can contribute to a typical, in-person experience at Carolina and to prevent the spread of the virus. Even though, right now, the definition of fully vaccinated includes either a two-shot Moderna or Pfizer series or one shot of the J&J vaccine, **our medical experts advise that boosters increase your protection against the highly transmissible Omicron variant.**

Carolina Together Testing Program

Asymptomatic testing at the Carolina Together Testing Program will be by appointment only via Hallpass. Symptomatic testing remains available at Campus Health Services for students. Detailed information can be found on the [Carolina Together](#) website.

Isolation Guidance

The CDC has provided the following [updated isolation recommendations](#) and the university will follow these new guidelines. If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, regardless of vaccination status, you should:

- Stay at an isolation location for 5 days. We strongly recommend that on-campus students return home to complete their isolation period. Students may also choose to isolate in their residence hall or University apartment and may only leave to receive medical care or for meals. The university is not providing separate housing or meal delivery to those who need isolation.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave isolation. If you have a fever, continue to stay in isolation until at least 24 hours after your fever resolves.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

IMPORTANT: If residential students receive a positive test result from Campus Health and/or the CTPP testing program, they will be contacted with further instructions. If they receive a positive test result from an off-campus provider, residential students must report the result to Campus Health so proper follow-up and support can be provided.

If you decide to remain on-campus during your isolation period, you may not eat or drink in the campus dining locations but can use contactless delivery services to obtain meals. If you want assistance obtaining meals, including shelf-stable items, they can be pre-ordered for daily pickup from Carolina Dining Services. Further instructions will be provided to residents as needed. Additional information can be found on the [Carolina Housing](#) website.

Self-Quarantine Guidance

The CDC has provided updated quarantine recommendations, which have informed our University approach regarding self-quarantine. If you believe you have come into contact with a COVID-19 positive person (including your room/suitemate), please follow the directions outlined below based on your vaccination status:

- A. **If you have been boosted OR completed the primary series of Pfizer within the last 5 months or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months OR completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months**, you should wear a mask around others for 10 days. If you develop symptoms, seek testing at Campus Health and self-quarantine until you know the result.
- B. **If you fall into any of the following categories:**
 - You completed the primary series of Pfizer vaccine over 5 months ago or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted
 - You completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted
 - You are unvaccinated

You should do the following:

- Stay in a self-quarantine location of your choosing for 5 days. After 5 days, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you can't self-quarantine, you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- If you develop symptoms, seek testing at Campus Health and self-quarantine until you know the result.

As noted above, your ability to attend class, go to work, and participate in other essential activities is determined by your vaccination/booster status and how you are feeling. As needed, additional information about the COVID-19 class attendance/excuse process can be found on the [University Approved Absence Office](#) website. The university is not providing separate housing or meal support to those who self-quarantine. Additional information can be found on the [Carolina Housing](#) website.

Masks/Face Coverings

Residents and their guests are strongly encouraged to wear well-fitting masks/face coverings in their assigned residence hall room/suite/apartment. While this will not be monitored/enforced by residence hall staff, it is one of the best-known ways to manage the spread of COVID-19. Residents and their guests are required to wear coverings/masks while indoors in residence hall common areas such as

restrooms, lobbies, elevators, and stairwells. Everyone must also comply with current University masking requirements that can be found on the [Carolina Together](#) website. Housing staff (including Housekeeping, maintenance, CDs, RAs, and RCCs) will not enter rooms/suites/apartments when unmasked people are present.

Visitation

Standard visitation guidelines will be in place for all residence halls with the following exceptions:

- In addition to any residents present, the number of guests permitted is two (2) in a residence hall room and four (4) in an apartment.
- In an abundance of caution, overnight guests continue to be prohibited until further notice.

On-Campus Dining

Carolina Dining Services (CDS) will continue to provide a wide array of dining options, including in-person and takeout meals plus limited delivery options. Further information can be found on the [Carolina Dining Services](#) website. If students choose to eat in the dining locations, they are encouraged to spend as little time as possible inside and wear their masks when not actively eating.

Suite/Apartment Changes

For the health and wellbeing of residents, suite/apartment changes will be approved on a limited basis based on the circumstances relevant to each room change request.

Use of Common Areas and Amenities

Common areas in the residence halls will be open for resident use as long as mask requirements and other rules are followed.

ResNET Operations

ResNET student and professional staff provide individual and building-wide technology assistance to residents (printing, connection issues, etc.). Residential Computing Consultants (RCCs) reside in all residence halls and can provide in-room or in-lounge support to residents, as well as virtual support through Microsoft Teams or Zoom. In-room assistance will operate with strict adherence to mask and other safety protocols and may operate on a modified schedule and/or offer limited services, as needed.

Package Center Operations

Three on-campus package centers (located in Morrison, Hinton James, and Spencer) each service specific residence halls. Mail and packages addressed to residents are delivered to their respective package center. Residents receive notifications when their mail is available for pick-up. The package centers will operate with strict adherence to mask and other safety protocols and may operate on a modified schedule and/or offer limited services, as needed.

Community Office Operations

Each building/collection of buildings has a Community Office that serves as the hub for service delivery in the building(s). These offices will operate with strict adherence to mask and other safety protocols and may operate on a modified schedule and/or offer limited services, as needed. Please note that some enhancement items typically available for resident checkout (cooking equipment, etc.) may have limited availability.

Residential Staffing, Programs and Events

Residence hall programming will be offered in-person, when possible, and virtually when necessary to comply with the current University requirements for gatherings and events. All in-person residence hall events will abide by university masking and other safety protocols and may be limited or on a modified schedule, as needed. Attendance at these events may also be limited as needed to comply with public health guidelines and with the limitations of the event location. Further information can be found on the [Carolina Together](#) website.

Resident Responsibility and Accountability

The university anticipates that we will have cases on campus during the spring semester. We are expecting and relying on our community members to continue making good decisions in support of one another and the overall health of our community. Residents with repeated or intentional violations of these standards may be removed from campus housing and/or referred to Student Conduct for additional administrative action.