

COVID-19 and Public Health-Informed Terms, Conditions, and Regulations and Policy Updates Addendum 2021-2022

TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND REGULATIONS

Indiana State University (ISU) and the Office of Residential Life (ResLife) aim to deliver our mission while protecting the health and safety of our students and minimizing the potential spread of disease within our community. As a resident living in university housing, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) or a similar public health crisis may continue to impact your housing experience as ISU and ResLife continue to make public health-informed decisions. The items provided below are hereby incorporated into the Terms, Conditions, and Regulations of the University Housing and Dining Services Agreement (TCRs) and are applicable to all residential students. As always, we will endeavor to update you with timely information about specific health and safety guidance important for our residential students.

1. **Health and Safety.** We expect that all members of the university housing community—residents, staff and visitors—act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them, including respect and consideration for the health and safety of all community members. All residential students are prohibited from creating a health or safety hazard within university housing and ResLife may request or require a resident to leave university housing if their continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residential students are required to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations and health and safety guidance adopted by ISU or ResLife as it relates to public health crises, including COVID-19. This guidance will evolve as the public health crisis evolves and may include, but is not limited to, social distancing, limitations on mass gatherings, wearing a face covering, COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing (including before or upon arrival to campus), contact tracing, disinfection protocols, limitations on guests into university housing, and quarantine / isolation requirements (including before or upon arrival to campus). Adherence to health and safety requirements applies to all residents, staff and visitors and extends to all aspects of university housing, including bedrooms, bathrooms, community kitchens, lounges, lobbies, outside areas, and other common spaces.

2. **Quarantine / Isolation / Separation.** At any time, ISU or ResLife may request or require a resident to leave university housing when that resident's continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residential students are required to comply with requests from ISU and Res Life staff to leave their assigned space due to COVID-19 or other public health emergency and failure to do so is a violation of the TCRs and may subject a student to emergency removal from their assigned space. In those situations where a student is recommended or required to self-quarantine or self-isolate, students may not be permitted to continue residing in their residential space and would be provided alternative housing arrangements as needed. Removal from or relocation within university housing to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of a residential student's housing contract.

3. De-Densifying Efforts. Residential students are required to comply with any de-densifying efforts needed on campus due to COVID-19 or other public health emergency, including, but not limited to, the relocation of all or some residential students to alternative housing. Relocation does not constitute a termination of a residential student's housing contract. In the event ResLife must relocate students as part of a de-densifying strategy due to public health concerns for an extended period of time and alternative housing is not available, ISU will offer impacted students fair and reasonable reimbursement as appropriate and based on information available at that time.

4. Dining Services. Dining service, including where and how it will be offered to residential students, is subject to the discretion of ISU and Dining Services and is subject to modification to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance adopted by ISU, set forth in Paragraph 1 (above), Dining Services may limit the occupancy of dining areas, limit the amount of time students may reside within dining areas, or make other operational adjustments needed to address health and safety concerns.

5. Cleaning. ISU and Housing Facilities Operations will continue to implement and modify its cleaning protocols to address COVID-19 or other public health emergency in the interest of minimizing the spread of disease. ResLife will educate and inform residential students on appropriate cleaning protocols within their assigned spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within university housing.

6. Termination. Upon reasonable notice, ResLife reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID-19. In the event ResLife terminates housing contracts due to public health concerns, ISU will offer fair and reasonable reimbursements for impacted students as appropriate and based on information available at that time.

In the event of a conflict between this COVID-19 AND PUBLIC HEALTH-INFORMED TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND REGULATIONS and all the other Regulations, this section will apply.

POLICY UPDATES

To help ensure the safety of our students and staff in the Residence Halls/Apartments as a result of COVID-19, we have updated policy language for the 2021-2022 academic year. Violations of these updated policies may result in a referral to the Student Conduct and Integrity for disciplinary measures, up to and including immediate loss of university housing.

Face Coverings Required in Common Areas and Public Spaces in or Around Residence Halls and Apartments

In residential buildings, face coverings are required prior to entering any common area, including those listed below.

- Lobbies
- Lounges

- Front desk areas and other indoor common areas
- Hallways
- Elevators
- Stairwells
- Dining areas (in use)
- Laundry facility Areas
- Parking Lots
- Walkways
- Classrooms

You are not required to wear a face covering when you are in your room/apartment or when you are using pod-style bathrooms, but you need to wear one in the hallways to and from the bathroom.

Physical Distancing

You must adhere strictly to physical distancing guidelines and enhanced personal hygiene practices. You should make every effort to stay in your room/apartment and to avoid contact with others. Always attempt to maintain 6 feet of distance between yourself and all other people.

- Gatherings within the residence halls/apartments in common spaces have to be preapproved by the Office of Residential Life.
- Physical distancing rules will apply for any gathering.

Guest Policy

No daytime or overnight visitors are permitted in residence halls or apartments. Only you and your roommate/suitemate(s) are allowed in your room/apartment. The only exceptions to this will be for (1) essential service such as maintenance work, medical care, emergency/life safety services, or assistance for those with physical disabilities; and (2) friends and family members who are helping you move in or move out of your residence hall/apartment.

- Up to two people may assist the resident with move-in or move-out.
- Each guest must be wearing face coverings at all times.

Elevators

If possible, use stairs rather than sharing an elevator. When elevator use is necessary, a maximum capacity of two (2) persons will be allowed at a time. If you are waiting for the elevator, wait 6 feet away from others to maintain physical distancing. Also, if you are on an elevator with another occupant, allow as much space as allowable between the other occupant and yourself.

Stairwells

Please take the stairs over using the elevators whenever possible. If you see someone in the stairwell, yield to the person going downstairs to allow them to pass as quickly as possible. If you use the handrails, be sure to wash your hands immediately afterwards for a minimum of twenty seconds and/or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Some stairwells may be designated as one direction only. If signage is present on a stairwell, students are required to abide by that signage.

Common Area Kitchens

Access to community kitchens is restricted to only one person at a time. Kitchen utensils must be cleaned thoroughly and immediately after use, and all surfaces must be wiped down. Kitchen supplies will not be available in any residence hall or apartment.

Laundry Facilities

Please practice physical distancing while doing laundry, leaving six feet between you and others. If a laundry area does not allow enough space for physical distancing, wait until the person occupying the space vacates the area before entering the space. Face coverings are required in all laundry facility areas. Additionally, minimize your time in the laundry facility areas by taking your items to your room/apartment to fold, hang, iron, etc.

Building Entry “Tailgating”

Residents may enter the building only by swiping their valid Indiana State University ID card. It is your responsibility to ensure that visitors do not follow you inside.

Building Evacuation Procedure

Indiana State University would like to remind you that in the event of a fire or building evacuation, please follow the existing evacuation procedures. However, due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, and according to guidance for physical distancing by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it may not be possible to gather together in the designated assembly area for your building. It is most important that you move away from the building and remain at least 6 feet away from each other. Please observe the following updates to the building evacuation procedure:

- Make sure you put on a face covering before leaving your room/building.
- Maintain a safe distance from others while evacuating the building, CDC suggests maintaining at least 6 feet distance from others.
- Do not take the elevator.
- Direct yourselves to the designated assembly locations for your building (indoor or outdoor). If the space is too crowded, please move away and maintain at least 6 feet from other residents.
- Do not stand in front of the building entrance. Firefighters require easy access to the building.
- Do not stay in the building. If there is inclement weather, take shelter in nearby buildings wherever possible and maintain proper distance.
- Once Public Safety or the Terre Haute Fire Department gives the ‘all clear’ to return to your room/apartment, make sure to keep 6 feet away from other residents.
- In an effort to maintain physical distancing, avoid taking the elevator to return to your room.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Office of Residential Life at (812) 237-3993 or at reslife@indstate.edu.

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