

As you know, we are living in unique and unprecedented times. The University of South Florida holds as paramount the health, safety and welfare of our community. Yet, we all must acknowledge that we cannot guarantee a COVID-19 free environment and it would be disingenuous to suggest otherwise. Taking steps to reduce the risk of COVID-19 is the shared responsibility of every member of our community. Therefore, as the University of South Florida prepares for the return of residential students on our Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses for the 2020-2021 school year, we know changes will be required to follow health and safety standards and guidance for community living due to Covid-19. Acknowledging these changes to the traditional USF residential experience, we are issuing the following addendum to the USF Student Housing Agreement to provide students with greater detail about these shared obligations, what they may expect and how changes may impact their residential experience in the coming year. Please take the time to carefully review each item.

### **Additional Terms, Conditions and Responsibilities for 2020-2021 USF Student Housing Agreement:**

#### **1. Health and Safety.**

- A. The Student acknowledges the inherent elevated risk associated with living in a community environment and the Student's shared obligation to prioritize health and safety for the benefit of the entire community.
- B. The Student acknowledges they have considered their own personal health status and increased risk factors inherent with community living, including the risk of exposure or infection by COVID-19, when deciding to live on campus.
- C. The Student agrees to adhere to University expectations intended to minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19 consistent with health and safety guidance including, but not limited to, practicing physical distancing as recommended by CDC and wearing appropriate face covering when within six feet of another individual when required.
- D. University staff will educate and inform residential students on appropriate cleaning protocols within their personal living space and shared spaces. The Student acknowledges their responsibility to keep personal living space in a sanitary condition and to adhere to sanitation standards in shared spaces. USF staff retain the right to conduct health and safety inspections of the living space.
- E. The Student acknowledges they may be required to submit to symptom checking or COVID-19 testing to access the residential community.
- F. The Student agrees to disclose to the appropriate University medical official immediately upon notification of positive COVID-19 test status or contact from Florida Department of Health about exposure and instruction to isolate.
- G. The Student agrees to comply with University direction requiring isolation. Isolation may require removal from assigned room, building, or campus. Isolation does not constitute cancellation of the Student Housing Agreement.
- H. Students are required to comply with all health and safety law, orders, ordinances, policies, regulations, and guidance adopted by the University or Department as it relates to COVID-19. This guidance may evolve as circumstances warrant. University may require student to leave University housing in the event the Student's continued presence poses a health or safety risk to the housing community.

#### **2. General Terms and Provisions**

- A. The Student acknowledges the University may restrict the full use of spaces and amenities within the residential community including, but not limited to:
  - a. No visitors, including overnight guests, are permitted.
  - b. Access to residential spaces is restricted to residential students, University staff, and approved vendors.
  - c. Residents may only enter the residential building to which they are assigned unless otherwise posted (i.e., to access critical services such as mailroom, dining services within residential building, staff offices.)
  - d. Residents may only have one other building resident as a guest in their assigned room.
  - e. Access to and use of amenities/space may be restricted or limited in capacity (community space, lounges, kitchen, laundry rooms, elevators, etc.)
- B. The Student acknowledges the Agreement start and end dates and the length of Agreement may be adjusted to align with the University academic calendar.
- C. The Student acknowledges the building or room assignments may be changed prior to arrival or at any time during the term of the Agreement the University deems necessary.
- D. The Student acknowledges Student-initiated room change requests may be restricted or limited after occupancy.
- E. The Student acknowledges the Student will not be eligible for a refund of housing rental rates and fee if Residence Halls close, access is restricted during the term, or if the length of Agreement is adjusted.
- F. In the event of a conflict between the above Addendum and the original Agreement, this Addendum will apply.

USF is committed to supporting our students in their return to campus during this unprecedented time and recognizes the value of the on-campus residential experience. The above information has been provided to allow students to make an informed decision about living in residential housing for the 2020-2021 school year. While the above is intended to provide

some detail, there may be additional modifications needed as the year progresses and we track the impact of COVID-19 on our residential community and campus. As always, we will endeavor to update you with timely information about specific health and safety guidance important for our residential community.

**If the student declines to accept the terms of this Addendum, the student may opt out of living on-campus for the 2020-2021 academic year and will have until July 1, 2020 to submit a request for cancellation in the housing portal without cancellation penalty.**

**If the student understands and agrees to comply with these expectations, no additional action is necessary. If no cancellation request is received by July 1, 2020 the student agrees to terms of this Addendum in addition to the USF Student Housing Agreement.**