WashU Move-In Preparation

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT FIRST YEAR MOVE-IN THIS YEAR:

- The move-in process will occur over multiple days to ensure appropriate physical distancing during that process. Up to two family members or supporters may accompany a student during their assigned move-in time.
- Professional vendors will be provided to assist with the moving of belongings for First Year Move-In days. Outside moving vendors will not be allowed on campus.
- COVID-19 testing will be required prior to officially moving into the residence halls. More information below.
- Completion of the COVID-19 Module, Community Pledge, and Policy Acknowledgement is required prior to move in.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

- Students are asked to significantly limit their interactions with others 14 days prior to departing for St. Louis for the start of the fall semester. This includes staying at home as much as possible, washing your hands frequently, wearing a mask if you must be in contact with anyone outside your home, and keeping at least six feet of distance between yourself and others outside of your family.
- Don’t travel if you’re sick. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell), stay home.
- Bring masks and hand sanitizer with you and use both while traveling.
- Wear a mask at all times in airports, on planes, or in any closed space with other people. If you have access to a disposable surgical mask (also known as an isolation mask), consider wearing one during flights, or while riding trains or buses.
- Stay at least six feet away from other people as much as possible.
- If you are flying, double check to make sure you choose an airline that requires and enforces masking for everyone on board. Same with train or bus travel – be sure to check the policies of the transportation companies you choose and only travel with one that requires masks.
- If you are seated near a passenger who is not wearing a mask, ask to be moved to another seat.
- Use hand sanitizer after touching surfaces in airports or other transportation hubs.
- Avoid gathering with groups of people, paying particular attention to boarding areas, information desks, and other places where a crowd may form.
PREPARING FOR YOUR MOVE-IN:

- Up to additional two persons will be allowed in the room during move-in. Masks required.
- To avoid multiple trips back and forth, we ask that you limit your interactions by not venturing off campus until your test results are back. We encourage you to get as many supplies as possible before coming and bring them with you on your move-in day. Any interactions that are unavoidable, like picking up food (which will be available on campus), would occur under strict mask and physical distancing guidelines. **Guests and helpers are to depart campus no later than 7:00 p.m. on your move-in day.**
- When packing your belongings, make sure you can easily access what you would need for a minimum 10-14 day period in the event that you are exposed to COVID-19 or test positive and will need to be moved to quarantine or isolation housing. Items you would need include: enough clothing, toiletries, and medications for at least 10-14 days; computer, charging cords, textbooks, and other items you may need to begin coursework online; bedding and towels (will be provided), a pillow, and any other items you will need to be comfortable for the first two weeks.
- We ask that you bring belongings that could easily be taken with you in the event that the university should have to close suddenly in response to COVID-19.
- Plan your arrival. All students have been assigned a move-in date (a specific time slot will be shared the week of August 24th). You should expect to arrive between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. We recommend that you arrive no earlier than the top of your assigned time to decrease wait times at the COVID-19 testing location. Keeping to your move-in date and time will help spread out traffic across each day.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE MOVE-IN DAY EXPERIENCE

- Students and those accompanying will be mandated to go directly to the COVID-19 testing and check-in site. Belongings should remain in the vehicle except for the requested items for test completion. **Only the student** should exit the vehicle and will be allowed to enter the facility to complete their check in.
- Once inside, students will complete COVID-19 testing and additional paperwork administered by Habif Health and Wellness employees. We ask that students:
  - **DO NOT** eat or drink anything for 30 minutes prior to test time.
  - **DO** bring a smartphone/tablet/laptop to electronically register for the test.
- At the check-in site, Residential Life staff members will be present to distribute required items for access into the residence halls. Following the completion of check-in, students will proceed to the appropriate area to unload their belongings.
- While students wait for the results of their test, we are asking students to limit their interactions, wear their mask at all times, and follow physical distancing recommendations to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Students and guests/helpers must wear masks to enter all University buildings and must maintain 6-feet of physical distance whenever possible.
MANDATORY HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Students will be required to commit to the following health and safety guidelines for their entire time on-campus and while waiting for their COVID-19 test results:

- Wear face coverings at all times when indoors, except those you live with in suites and apartments AND still being able to maintain 6 feet of distance between each other, and when outside and unable to maintain 6 feet of physical distance;
- Physically distance AT ALL TIMES;
- Monitor symptoms and stay home if not feeling well – there will be a required completion of a daily self-screening tool before leaving your residence hall.
- Practice great hygiene by washing our hands regularly for at least 20 seconds and following other health recommendations.

There will be available dining while students wait for their test results in the forms of grab and go and limited in person dining. All guidelines and public health recommendations should be followed.

IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER 5:00PM ON MOVE-IN DAY

We understand that travel may be difficult at this time. Should your travel plans not allow you to arrive within the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., we ask that you connect with our office as soon as possible by email at reslife@wustl.edu for assistance.