

COVID-19 and Public Health-Informed Policies

Housing is critical to the overall NJCU experience. NJCU is committed to providing students with housing options as a basic human need.

All residential students must be tested within two weeks for COVID-19 and COVID-19 antibodies before moving into the residence halls.

The Office of Housing & Residence Life, the Health Center, and the Dean of Students Office will work with any student in isolation to provide food, supplies, and academic resources to ensure the student is safe. A per diem nurse will monitor any student who is ill and will provide medical guidance to them.

NJCU will have testing and medical staff on-site to assist any student who is ill. Public Safety will assist in transportation for any student who requires off-site medical services.

No student at NJCU will be denied housing. NJCU will maintain 60% occupancy of its residence halls. Once 60% is met, NJCU will work with off campus affiliates to provide housing at no additional cost to students.

1. Face coverings/ mask are required to be worn at all campus locations.
2. Residents must maintain 6 feet of social distance.
3. All residential students must be tested within two weeks for COVID-19 or COVID-19 antibodies before moving into the residence halls.
4. Students with known or suspected exposure to COVID-19 will be required to participate in University isolation protocols. This may include relocation to isolation housing, returning home for a designated period, alternative methods for food access and/or delivery, participation in tracing protocol, limited access to University facilities, and or transitioning to alternative course delivery methods.
5. All external guest, room to room, and building to building visitation are suspended until further notice. Family member who wishes to enter the halls must first be tested for COVID-19, provide proof of negative results, and get approval from NJCU Housing and Residence Life before entering.
6. Students who violate the guest policies will be subject to removal from housing immediately.
7. All room occupancies are adjusted to house the room occupants only.



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8. Students are to remain in their assigned room, unless provided approval to change rooms from the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Roommate Agreement Polices

Living with a roommate during COVID-19

Living with a roommate during the COVID-19 pandemic will take additional effort to help keep you safe, but it isn't impossible. Here are some quick tips for navigating a shared space:

Do:

Discuss with your roommate what living safely together means to you. You can use your roommate agreement as a guide for this conversation.

Disinfect laptops, cell phones, door handles, counters, bathrooms, and any of the common spaces regularly.

Wash your hands regularly using warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.

Keep your personal toiletries in safe, clean spaces. For instance, you shouldn't leave your toothbrush out by the sink.

Wash your clothes and bedding often.

Wear a mask when you're outside of the space. Keep a few cloth masks to wear around. Wash your mask(s) by hand each night. We recommend you keep one in your car, your room, your backpack, and any other place you may frequently visit.

When you are not wearing your mask, make sure you are coughing, sneezing, etc. in your elbow. If it's allergy season for you, make sure you are communicating that clearly to the people around you, especially roommates.

Follow all recommendations by the CDC and the Campus Health Center for communicating personal symptoms you may be experiencing.

Hold yourself accountable in following your roommate agreement.

Review and discuss housing information and any changes with each other frequently.

Don't:

Forget that you share your space. Be cautious of your music habits, virtual socializing habits, workout habits, etc.

Accuse your roommate(s) of being infected because they sneeze or cough. Some people have allergies or other related conditionals that have nothing to do with COVID-19. Such accusations could escalate to conflict. Open communication is essential.



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Attend spaces of large groups not following guidelines. This means you should stay away from large gatherings like parties, clubs and restaurants, concerts.

Put yourself in situations where people aren't engaging in physical distancing or where people are not wearing masks.